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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

TO THE 104TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Adyar, December 26, 1979

BY MISS JOY MILLS, *International Vice-President*

WELCOME to all. Once again we are meeting in the beautiful atmosphere of our world centre, Adyar, and I am happy that so many members from various parts of the theosophical world as well as from all parts of India could be present for this Convention. It is a sadness to us all, most particularly to me, that the President cannot be here on this occasion, but I know his thoughts are very much with us; we all wish him a speedy recovery so that he may soon resume his usual active programme on behalf of the Society. Let us, during a moment of quiet reflection, send him thoughts of healing and love.

Fortunately Mrs. Betsan Coats is with us and I ask her to bring the greetings of the President to this Convention.

Meeting together here at Adyar, we must inevitably recall all those who have laboured at this Centre in the cause of Theosophy and Universal Brotherhood; we walk in their footsteps and strive to carry on their work. We are mindful too that the work in which we are engaged derives from no ordinary mundane source, but that this Society has its roots in a realm where live Those who are the Masters of Wis-

dom and Compassion, who labour ceaselessly for humanity's upliftment, and who may still inspire us in our efforts as we attune ourselves inwardly to Their vision of the Plan. Let us then turn again to Those Inner Founders whose presence we would invoke that this Convention may be a worthy vehicle through which Their Love and Power may flow outwards to the world about us. (*Rise*)

May Those who are the embodiment of Love Immortal, bless with Their protection the Society established to do Their will on earth; may They ever strengthen it with Their power, inspire it with Their wisdom, and energize it with Their activity. (*Be seated*)

As all here will appreciate I had not expected either to prepare or to deliver the customary Presidential Address with which our Conventions always open. As is also well known, I am sure, I am now concluding my present tenure as Vice-President and at the very outset, therefore, would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the President for the privilege extended to me to serve the Society

in such a capacity. He has, as he knows, my continued loyalty in all his efforts on behalf of the Society as well as the deep personal affection which has always characterized our friendship. We are most fortunate that just at this time when I asked to be relieved of office in order to take up what appears to be a most vital and necessary work, that of Director of Studies at the Krotana Institute School of Theosophy and the possible development through that Centre of an international educational programme, there was available here in India an outstanding member who could be nominated and subsequently elected to the office of Vice-President. I leave Adyar, therefore, confident that the duties and responsibilities of Vice-President, even under these extraordinary circumstances of the President's illness, will be fulfilled in a beautiful, efficient and competent manner by my successor, Sri Surendra Narayan, a second generation Theosophist who has been prominent in the work of the Delhi Theosophical Federation. His professional career has been in numerous positions with the Government of India. At the time of his retirement earlier this year, he held the post of Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes. His governmental work has taken him officially to several countries including Canada, England, Japan, Switzerland, the United States and West Germany, so that he brings to the post of Vice-President not only a financial and administrative background, a full familiarity with governmental regulations and practices which could so vitally affect our work at Adyar, but also an international viewpoint and a deep dedication to the Society's purposes. I am confident he will have, as I have had, the trust and support of all who work at this Centre.

Taking leave of Adyar as I do now,

there is an inevitable sadness tempered only by the certain knowledge that friendships made can never be broken and that wherever the work goes forward for the one Cause of Universal Brotherhood, under the banner of Theosophy, we are all united and no outer separation can sever that golden bond of unity. Individuals may come and go upon the stage of the Society's work, but that work will continue uninterruptedly and under "Their protection", as the invocation we have just repeated tells us, so long as we are loyal to that Cause. To all my colleagues at Adyar, workers, heads of departments and officials, I say "Thank you", for the warmth of your friendship and the strength of your assistance through these years of my service in the Vice-Presidency.

This year marked the one hundredth anniversary of the arrival in India of the Society's principal founders, H. P. Blavatsky and H. S. Olcott. From the time they set foot on Indian soil in February 1879, the Society assumed a somewhat different complexion from that which had characterized the work during its infancy in New York. A great emphasis, more explicit in expression, was placed on the ideal of universal brotherhood. Yet that emphasis was not one that neglected the magnificent philosophic base on which true brotherhood must rest, and when H.P.B. launched her journal, *The Theosophist*, in October of that year, she used its pages to expound and clarify the Wisdom-Tradition of the ages which we know in our time as Theosophy, as well as to point up its practical, ethical and moral applications to every problem of life in general and her time in particular.

At such a time as this, when we consider the passage of 100 years since the reinstitution of Theosophy in this most ancient land of the Rishis and Mahatmas, it

would seem easier to recall the past than to face the present or predict the future. The true Theosophist, however, and by this I do not mean simply the member of some theosophical organization whether of our day or of preceding centuries—the true Theosophist has never followed the easy way, content to ride backwards into the future with his eyes fixed only on yesterday. He has always walked untrodden pathways, seeking as did his predecessors in the sacred way to wisdom for that inner illumination, that ‘direct beholding’ as H.P.B. called it, which alone is the sure guide to the One Reality beyond name and form.

Rather than remembering the past with its splendid achievements by the intrepid pioneers of our Society and those who followed them in the early years of this century, let us remember the future, if I may use a phrase that may seem contradictory in nature. Yet this is precisely the theurgical task to which we are called, for our future destiny is already written, a destiny glorious beyond our conception, and our present work is the difficult and arduous labour of piecing together, remembering that glorious future. We must learn how to transform the tomorrows of promise and possibility into the todays of realization. H.P.B. wrote in *The Secret Doctrine* that “The Cycles of Matter will be succeeded by Cycles of Spirituality and a fully developed mind. On the law of parallel history and races, the majority of the future mankind will be composed of glorious Adepts. Humanity is the child of cyclic Destiny, and not one of its Units can escape its unconscious mission, or get rid of the burden of its co-operative work with nature.” (II. 446) So the cyclic pilgrimage continues, “the martyrdom of self-conscious existence”, as H.P.B. termed it, but our destiny is indeed written in the stars and we

can, if we will, remember that future in every present moment.

How to act now is and must be our chief concern. For we are also children of our age, our thinking tempered by the crises through which the world as we know it is passing. Underlying the current of change, however, we must be aware of eternal values, neither holding to them with a rigidity born out of a passion for the past nor throwing them aside as useless in the contemporary climate of world opinion. Let us examine those age-old values; let us explore fearlessly the depths and heights of the Wisdom-Tradition which is the *Theosophia* of the ages; let us act neither out of rashness nor despair, but as reasonable men and women who have been granted, as was Arjuna, a knowledge of the fitness of all things, a vision of the Supreme Reality and the way thereto. So much has been given to us, and we dare not be disloyal to that heritage, for our destiny—the human destiny—is glorious. As Theosophists, we have a special responsibility to sound the note of compassionate understanding in a world that seems to have forgotten the simple truth of love; we have a unique opportunity to recall to mankind the future which is possible and sure. We stand now on the threshold of a new decade, just a score of years from a new century. If we read the signs aright, we may perceive in the darkness that surrounds us not the midnight hour of deeper gloom, but the dawning of a brighter day.

So in this spirit of hope and in the full conviction that the work of this Society is a sacred trust for the benefit of all humanity, I turn to a survey of the Society’s activities—at Adyar and around the world—during the past year.

International Tours.—In March, the President left Adyar for South America, visiting two Lodges in South Africa en route to the VIth Inter-American Congress held at Villa Carlos Paz, Argentina. Since it was anticipated that a number of General Secretaries would be present for that gathering, a consultative meeting of the General Council was called under the chairmanship of the President. Following those sessions, Mr. Coats, accompanied by Mrs. Coats who had earlier toured many of the Lodges in Brazil, visited centres in Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Bolivia and Brazil. In June, Mr. Coats proceeded to West Africa, where he was able to visit Lodges and small groups of members in a number of countries, many of which had never had the privilege of hearing an international lecturer before. He returned to India after a brief visit to Nairobi, Kenya, in the East & Central African Section. Later in the year, he visited several Federations and Lodges in India, participating in the centenary programme in Bombay.

The Vice-President spent most of the year at Adyar, with a few visits to Lodges and Federations in India, including presiding over an education seminar organized by the Bihar Federation and participating in the Bombay centenary celebrations. From mid-August to mid-September, she lectured in Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia.

Mrs. Radha Burnier was the guest speaker at the French Section Convention and in May was the honoured guest of the English Section Convention, where she delivered the 1979 Blavatsky Lecture. During the summer months, she was guest speaker at several summer schools in Europe, including the German Summer School at St. Martin, where she participated in sessions of the European Federation Council. Later in the year,

she visited Australia and New Zealand briefly. She also was able to lecture in a number of Indian Section Lodges and Federations.

Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale was also in Europe during the summer, following a private visit to Ojai, California, in the U.S.A. She presided over the International Week at St. Michael's Centre in Huizen, Holland.

Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan, invited to the Krotana Institute School of Theosophy as a guest teacher for the winter and spring terms, was a guest of the American Section at its annual Convention/Summer School, and also gave seminars at a number of the summer camps in the U.S. Returning to Adyar, via England, she conducted study programmes and lectured for the English Section both at its London headquarters and the Theosophical Centre at Tekels Park.

Deaths.—Each year a certain number of our members are released from the activities of physical incarnation, and if mention is made of only the more well-known workers among those who have died, the loss of others, equally devoted and tireless in service, is not overlooked. During the past year, the death of the following may be particularly singled out: Charles D. T. Shores, a long-time resident of Adyar, active in so many ways for the Society, serving as its International Treasurer from 1946 to 1953 and for some years thereafter continuing to be an Additional Member of the General Council; F. Michael Maxwell, who was chairman of the Board and managing director of the Theosophical Publishing House, London, as well as a member of the Executive Committee of the English Section; Mrs. Bridget Paget, who had served as Secretary to the President and assistant editor of *The Theosophist* during the last years of Mr. Sri Ram's presidency;

Dr. Henry A. Smith, a very active worker in the American Section for many years and its National President from 1960 to 1965; Sr. Luiz Caligiuri, Vice-President of the Brazilian Section; F. Pierce Spinks, whose tireless efforts toward bringing together Theosophists of all organizational affiliations helped to build bridges of better understanding and friendly relationships among many theosophical groups, and who wrote a book and produced a bulletin under the title *Theosophists Reunited*, which gave expression to that ideal. We record also the passing this year of two well-known workers in New Zealand, Miss Bertha Darroch, a former General Secretary of that Section, and her sister, Miss Daphne Darroch. While not a member of our Society, Iverson L. Harris whose death earlier this year removed from theosophical ranks a life-long worker, must be mentioned for his exemplary and beautiful service. Raised and educated at the headquarters of the Society at Point Loma, Mr. Harris had held several positions of responsibility in that group, and was the founder and president of Point Loma Publications. All who attended the 1975 Centenary World Congress in New York will remember his moving words, "At Night I Accept the Authority of the Torches."

Staff Changes at Adyar.—This year has seen the usual number of changes in the various departments at Adyar. Two major changes involved the extremely important areas of printing and publishing theosophical books, in the production of a continuous flow of literature conveying the concepts of Theosophy. After 15 years of noteworthy service as Manager of the Theosophical Publishing House, Mr. K. N. Ramanathan assumed the position of Senior Editor while Mr. C. Seshadri took up the post of Manager. Mr. Rama-

nathan continues to be responsible for public relations, preparing the press releases for the newspapers.

In the Vasanta Press, Mr. K. Ramanathan, under whose management for the past nearly 20 years, the addition of new machinery, especially an offset press, had made possible a great expansion of the work, handed over the management to Mr. N. C. Ramanujachary. Mr. Ramanathan has now taken up the important work of Correspondent of the Olcott Memorial Schools.

Other staff changes include the appointment of Mr. Ch. Shankar Rao as General Manager, replacing Lt. Col. R. Gopalaratnam who has been serving in a number of special assignments and more recently as Convention Officer; Dr. Pran Nath as Librarian of the Adyar Library & Research Centre, with the former Librarian, Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan, becoming a member of the Library's Advisory Council in addition to her new duties as Director of Studies in the International Centre of Theosophical Studies; and the addition of Mrs. Lakshmi Narayanaswamy to the Adyar Library staff in the cataloguing division and Miss Helen George to the staff of Archives.

Since the close of the Society's year, further changes have occurred that may be mentioned: Mr. Robin Keefe was asked to take temporary charge of the Garden Department, replacing Mr. Gopalakrishnan, and quite recently Mrs. Zella Balch arrived to take up the work of Information Officer.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Adyar Library and Research Centre.—The Adyar Library suffered an irreparable loss this year in the sudden death of Dr. V. Raghavan, who had been of invaluable assistance for many years as Advisor

and member of the Editorial Board. The Ministry of Education, Government of India, approved grants to publish four further works from the Library's rare manuscript collection. Among the publications brought out during the year mention may be made of a classic work on dramaturgy, *Rasarnavasudhakara*, for which a grant was received from the Humanities Research Council of Canada through its editor, Prof. T. Venkatacharya. The *Adyar Library Bulletin* for 1979 featured the text and a revised translation based on Sri Sankaracharya's commentary on the *Thousand Names of Vishnu (Vishnusahasranama)*.

During the year, 2081 books were added to the Library's holdings. The Library needs and will appreciate gifts of books, particularly on Western and Eastern contemporary thought on such subjects as science, religion, philosophy, etc., especially titles published in the West and not easily obtainable in India. The usual valuable services of the Library in the form of microfilming facilities, its excellent card index with detailed subject referencing, etc., continue to attract scholars and students from India and abroad.

Archives.—The work in Archives is one of steady attention to the maintenance of its collections, with additions constantly being made and appropriately catalogued. Microfilms have been made on request for students and institutions, including national libraries and universities in Australia, U.S.A., England and India. Cooperation with the Nehru Museum in Delhi is resulting in the microfilming of all the Besant papers. The Archives produced an outstanding exhibition for loan to Blavatsky Lodge, Bombay, in connection with its centenary celebrations. This exhibition, featuring the arrival of the founders in India, the

establishment of *The Theosophist*, and the centenary of Damodar K. Mavalankar's joining the Society, will be seen at Adyar during the current Convention.

A small but important project under way in Archives is the replacement of metal clips which too quickly rust in the South Indian climate, with plastic clips, so as better to preserve documents. Gifts of such plastic clips will be most welcome.

Theosophical Order of Service.—The work of the Theosophical Order of Service goes forward in many countries and seems to have grown considerably in answer to the numerous calls for service in such areas as refugee assistance, flood and distress relief, animal welfare, etc. Miss Gusta Koopman, as International Secretary of the T.O.S., provides news of the activities in the various National Sections through a periodical bulletin containing summaries of the reports she receives.

Non-English Publications Committee.—An activity that receives only occasional notice is that of the Non-English Publications Fund Committee, which not only grants financial assistance to Sections, Regional Associations and isolated Lodges for the publication of theosophical literature in the many non-English languages, but also encourages the smaller language groups to expand their offerings to the public. The existence of French, German and Spanish publishing houses has greatly aided the work in Sections in which those languages are spoken, but in recent years grants from the Non-English Publications Fund have been able to help the work of publishing in such countries as Japan, Indonesia, Israel, Finland, Sweden, Norway and Greece. Much more needs to be done, but one of the principal difficulties lies in finding competent translators who are also familiar with theosophical concepts and terminology.

International Centre of Theosophical Studies and Research.—This educational programme at Adyar, successor to the School of the Wisdom, had an extremely active year under the directorship of Miss Joy Mills. Upon Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan's return from her visit to the United States, she was named co-director of the Centre, and she will succeed Miss Mills as Director of Studies in January. The programme of studies under the regular members of the faculty, Dr. B. R. Mullik and Dr. A. Kannan, in addition to Miss Mills and Mrs. Neelakantan, was enriched this year by special series given by Mr. Keith Wakelam of the Theosophical Research Centre in London, Dr. Peter Meyer-Dohm of Germany and more recently Mr. Gavin Laurie of New Zealand. Two unique and very well attended seminars featured Swami Ranganathananda of the Ramakrishna Mission, discussing the *Kathopanishad*, and Prof. S. Rinpoche, Principal of the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, presenting the concepts of Mahayana Buddhism. Students from the U.S., Australia, England, New Zealand, Iceland, and several other countries as well as India participated in the sessions.

International Theosophical Youth Centre.—The International Theosophical Youth Centre launched the journal, *Phoenix Rising*, in late 1978 and during the past year two further issues have appeared. The journal appears to appeal to a growing number of individuals, particularly among the younger generation. Donations have made the journal entirely self-supporting, with the issues appearing only as funds permit. The ITYC continues to serve as a clearing-house for information on youth activities in the theosophical world.

World Theosophical Youth Federation.—The work of reorganization of the World

Theosophical Youth Federation proceeds, as its chairman, Arnaldo Sisson Filho, continues to promote the development and expansion of youth groups throughout the theosophical world. A "Newsletter" reporting on activities in several countries was issued from Porto Alegre in Brazil, and a brochure, "Introducing the World Theosophical Youth Federation" was prepared and widely circulated.

International Committee on Science and Technology.—The Society cooperated with the Committee on Science and Technology in Developing Countries (COSTED) in sponsoring a seminar on "Impact of Science on Human Values" at Adyar in January; this brought together a number of outstanding scientists both from within the Society and outside our membership. The keynote address by Prof. Dr. Peter Meyer-Dohm on "Impact of Technological Development on the Future of Humanity" appeared in *The Theosophist*. A regular monthly section in that journal is now devoted to "The Quest in Theosophy/Science", featuring news on scientific research of particular interest to scientist-members of the Society as well as papers of general interest. The organ of the Committee continues to be *Theosophy-Science*, sponsored by the Society and published under the auspices of the Theosophical Research Centre in England. The bulletin of the Theosophy-Science group in India continues to attract a large reading audience. Research groups are active in Australia, Brazil, Holland, Scotland and the United States, as well as England and India. In the U.S., a science seminar on "The Holographic Model of the Universe" was held at the Section Headquarters.

Theosophical Islamic Association.—This association has now completed 57 years of activity, encouraging the study of Islam and Islamic mysticism in the light

of Theosophy. Lectures are held periodically at Adyar, featuring a number of competent speakers. The Association's president, Prof. H. E. Hakim, presided over the Prophet's birthday celebration in Cambay, and a branch of the Association was formed at Ajmer in Rajasthan, which is a Sufi centre in India. Plans are underway for the publication of an Urdu translation of Annie Besant's book, *Beauties of Islam*.

Theosophical Publishing House.—The major event of the Theosophical Publishing House this year was the completion of the printing of the two-volume definitive edition of *The Secret Doctrine*, with a third volume comprising an entirely new Index. The work presents intact the original 1888 edition of H.P.B.'s great classic; there has been no editing of her literary style, with only minor changes in punctuation and the correction of typographical errors. An historical introduction and the inclusion of a large number of relevant illustrations make this a unique production under the editorship of Mr. Boris de Zirkoff. Greatly subsidized from the reserve funds of T.P.H., the new edition will be released during this Convention.

Imports of theosophical books from the London and Wheaton publishing houses has greatly increased, as the sales network of T.P.H., Adyar, has expanded. Over one hundred booksellers in India now regularly place orders with Adyar, so that T.P.H. is represented in all the major cities of the country.

The publication of several new works was taken up during the year, including *Masters and Men* by Virginia Hanson, a book narrating in historical perspective the human story in *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*, and *The Story of Human Evolution* by Geoffrey Barborka, a commentary on the anthropogenesis verses

of the Stanzas of Dzyan. Reprints of a number of classical texts have been taken up, most notably the *Esoteric Writings* of T. Subba Row.

The Theosophist.—The 100th anniversary of the publication of this truly international journal, established in October 1879 by H. P. Blavatsky, was duly celebrated at Adyar, when the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Mr. Prabhudas Patwari, was to have released the centenary issue. Cancellation of an Indian Airlines flight prevented his attendance, but his speech for the occasion was read and the President, Mr. Coats, released the special issue. With this landmark in its history, *The Theosophist* takes on a new format, but the policy continues to focus on reaching both the general membership of the Society and the wider public interested in theosophical and occult thought. A balance is sought between deeper articles for students and writings that appeal to intuition and faith.

The Society's Finances.—During the past year, many members became aware of a rather serious financial situation developing at Adyar. Since concern was expressed by a number of individuals, it seems appropriate to comment on the current financial position and to reassure all those who expressed such concern that the Society is fundamentally in a sound financial state, our problems having mainly to do with rising deficits and the monthly cash flow. Some factors outside our control, including the world wide phenomenon of inflation, the impact of which is probably felt more in developing countries such as India than in other countries, accounted for increased deficits. Various governmental regulations necessarily affect our operation, involving us in expenditures for requisite worker benefits, etc.; we now have a permanent commitment for salaries, wages and other staff

disbursements amounting to more than a million rupees a year. Consequent on quinquennial revisions, taxes payable on the Society's buildings have risen by 115% during the last nine years. Further, we may note that in recent years receipts from some countries abroad have dropped heavily because of inflationary pressures in those countries as well as exchange control restrictions in many of them.

On the bright side, members and Sections have been wonderfully generous this year, when the full nature of the problem became known. It is apparent that when there is a need, members rise to the challenge, and it is equally apparent that Adyar holds a special place in the hearts of all Theosophists. The continuation and development of this Centre as both the administrative headquarters of the Society and a home of spiritual power and beauty are matters of concern to all of us. At the same time that members responded so generously to the appeals for financial assistance, every effort was made at Adyar, by the Executive and Finance Committees, by departmental heads and other responsible officers, to hold expenditures within strict limits that ultimately we may achieve a balanced budget. We can report, therefore, that the figures for the last fiscal year show a marked improvement.

We must now look to the future. In 1982, we shall commemorate the centenary of the establishment of Adyar as our international headquarters; here the Founders took up residence, and succeeding Presidents and leaders lived and laboured here. In the decade preceding the Society's centenary in 1975, a fund was created to ensure that Adyar be brought into as good condition as possible for that major milestone in our history, but the fund assembled for that purpose was fully utilized during that centenary year

in accordance with the terms of reference establishing it. Now the time has come, I believe, to ensure a permanent endowment for our world headquarters, not simply providing a fund that will be exhausted within a few years. The creation of an Adyar Endowment Fund would provide a growing capital reserve in perpetuity, a reserve which could not be touched but the interest from which would ultimately suffice to meet the budgetary needs of the headquarters' compound. Enthusiastic support has already been expressed for this concept and in due time a plan may be developed to implement such a scheme.

As the International Treasurer, Mr. C. R. N. Swamy, wrote recently in his report to the members of the General Council: "During the last hundred years the firm foundations for the work of the Society have been laid by its Founders and the great leaders who followed them. Let us prove worthy of that past by the manner in which we respond to the present needs of the Society to carry on and accomplish the great purposes for which it has been founded. Adyar, as the International Centre of the Society, can be and must be the continuing vital and dynamic heart of our world work, unifying and inspiring all our efforts."

SECTION REPORTS

United States of America.—The work of the American Section continues to expand under its dynamic National President, Mrs. Dora Kunz. A number of regional coordinators develop programmes and oversee the activities in various areas of the Section. Membership increased by 169 during the past year, to a total of 4,841; the Section has 87 active branches and 71 official study centres. Prominent among the activities organized at the Section's Headquarter, Olcott, have been several

seminars attracting guest scholars as speakers. In recognition of the International Year of the Child, a symposium on "Holistic Approaches to Childhood Education" was featured. Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan of Adyar was guest speaker at the 93rd Annual Convention and Summer School, held again at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, in early July. The publication of Quest Books continues as a major activity of the Section, with ten new titles issued during the past year.

The Krotona Institute School of Theosophy, although not an official part of the Section, carries on an extremely active programme attracting students not only from the United States but from various parts of the world. Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan, Librarian of the Adyar Library, had been invited to serve as guest teacher for the winter and spring terms, during which time she was also able to lecture under the auspices of the Section at a number of nearby lodges. Receiving grants from the Kern Foundation, the Krotona Institute is able to extend scholarship assistance to recommended students. An association, known as the "Friends of Krotona", has now been established, inviting members throughout the world to form a link with this Centre, receiving occasional newsletters and announcements of the School's programmes.

England.—The English Section, with its headquarters in London, one of the world's main cosmopolitan centres, has continued to host many members from other Sections. The chief guest speaker this year was Mrs. Radha Burnier who not only was guest of honour at the Annual Convention, giving a very successful Blavatsky Lecture, but also participated in the bi-annual Summer School held this year at High Leigh. The membership at the end of September was 2,140, an increase of 63; the 300 new admissions

during the year were offset by losses due to deaths, lapses, etc. Once more the Section participated in the Festival of Mind, Body, Spirit, at Olympia, which this year extended its activities to the provinces and small festivals where the Section had a stand along with the Theosophical Publishing House, London, were held in Bristol, Brighton, Worthing and Bournemouth. The effects of this exhibition have been felt in most of the provincial areas, resulting in more inquiries and in some cases new members. The activities at headquarters have continued with weekly public lectures, study groups and meetings of the various London Lodges. A new publicity committee was formed and a visual presentation of Theosophy, has been prepared utilizing the services of a professional design artist and a journalist who prepared the script; this will be available in 1980 for release to the Lodges. The aim has been to show theosophical ideas in clear and simple terms, without using the usual theosophical jargon. The theosophical estate at Tekels Park has had an active year, with members and friends from many countries and from other organizations availing themselves of the facilities of the Guest House and Park. Those wishing can now become "Friends of Tekels Park" receiving advance information of all activities. Other usual activities continue, with the General Secretary commenting, "Although not spectacular, the work of the Section has maintained a certain core of stability and reliability in a world where the need for these qualities is so great and urgent."

India.—Sri H. B. Vaishnav was elected General Secretary of the Indian Section for a period of two years. During this past year, he has been occupied with his responsibilities at the Section headquarters, particularly giving attention to the management of the Section's properties

situated in various parts of the country. He was able to visit a certain number of Lodges and participate in the celebration of 100 years of Theosophy in India, which was held in Bombay.

The main event of the year was the commemoration of the Founders' arrival in India in 1879 and the founding of the Blavatsky Lodge, Bombay. A series of special programmes was held under the auspices of that Lodge, culminating in early November with a centenary programme attended by the International President, Vice-President and Secretary, as well as many other prominent theosophical workers. In the near future, other Lodges in India will have occasion to celebrate their 100th birthdays.

The publication and translation of theosophical books into various Indian languages continued during the year, the most notable work being the release of a Hindi edition of I. K. Taimni's book, *Self-Culture*. A number of study and workers' camps were held in various parts of the Section. The membership showed an increase of 104 from the previous report, bringing total membership in the Indian Section to 9,657. Nineteen lodges were dissolved, but the overall total of Lodges and centres increased from 459 to 462.

Australia.—The main event was the annual Convention held in Tasmania in January. The programme consisted of workshops besides lectures on the themes "New Directions in Relating Science to Theosophy" and "Aboriginal Creative Myths and Healing" with Dr. Richard Silberstein, the Guest Speaker, Cyril Havecker, Phil Harris and others participating. *Theosophy in Australia* received the Certificate of Appreciation in the Media Peace Prize award "for work recognized as a contribution towards the building of a peaceful society and as a constructive effort to find non-violent

resolution to conflict". Lodges try new methods appropriate to the current trend in presenting Theosophy through workshops, weekend seminars, healing groups besides involvement in the work of the community. The radio broadcast on 2GB every Sunday evening is a major source of publicity and introducing a greater variety of presentation such as interviews with persons of national and international repute has resulted in more inquiries. The bookshops with libraries attached continue to attract inquirers and deep students. The T.O.S. continues its very active assistance to many social and welfare organizations with special emphasis this year on the work of children. The membership registers a decrease due to enhancement of subscription in the Lodges and currently there are 1,231 active members.

France.—The Section welcomed Mrs. Francoise Caracostea as its new General Secretary, and she mentioned in her report the wonderful contribution that Mr. S. Lancri had made as competent organizer in the affairs of the Section as well as in disseminating Theosophy through lecturing and writing.

At the Annual Convention in May, Mrs. Radha Burnier was the guest of honour. The Festival of Marjolaine, in which Le Editions Adyar and the Youth Lodge shared a stand, brought a number of inquirers. At the Pays Latins Annual Summer School organized by the French Section this year, Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith was the guest of honour, Mr. Lancri and Mrs. Betsan Coats and others from France, Belgium, Spain and Switzerland participating. *Le Lotus Bleu* with a circulation of 1,800 is an important avenue to spread the message of the Society. Seven new translations in French were published during the year of which mention may be made of *The*

*Letters of the Masters of the Wisdom—*I, *Madame Blavatsky* by C. Wachtmeister, *Life Ahead* by J. Krishnamurti and *The Tibetan Book of the Great Liberation* by Evans-Wentz.

Netherlands.—At the General Meeting held at Utrecht on 18th November 1978 the name of the Society in Holland was changed to Theosofische Vereniging in Nederland in accordance with the new Dutch law concerning societies. At the public summer school held at Naarden, workshops and lectures were presented on the theme "Western Mysticism and Occultism" from the points of view of Occult Movements in the West, New Age groups, Neo Platonism and Christian Mysticism. The Dutch translations of the following books were published during the year: *The Seven Human Temperaments* by G. Hodson, *Meditation* by Adelaide Gardner and *Practical Mysticism for Normal People* by E. Underhill.

New Zealand.—The General Secretary writes that the "public lectures, films, and articles in the Section journal" were slanted toward the meeting of modern scientific thought with the findings of the Ageless Wisdom, thus attracting in a greater measure the intellectuals and the deeper students. *Theosophy in New Zealand* is still "the most successful medium for bringing in new members". Commercial radio stations are used by Lodges for publicizing activities. In the bi-monthly religious broadcast "For the Faithful", time was granted to the Society for the first time. Films on interesting topics such as "Psychics, Saints and Scientists", "Meditation: An Inward Journey" and "Holistic Health" are useful media to attract the interest of the public in Theosophy. Study courses with books for supplementary reading have been introduced.

East and Central Africa.—The new

General Secretary, H. D. Shah, reports that it was a pleasant change to hold the Annual Convention for the year at Mufulira, Zambia. The Section headquarters is now shifted from Nairobi to Dar-es-salaam. The Section is fortunate to have Mr. Reuben Thuku as lecturer after his return from Adyar where he was attending the International Centre of Theosophical Studies and Research. The Section hopes to attract more of the Africans into its membership through the work of Mr. Thuku. During June the International President visited Nairobi and Nakuru in Kenya and gave public talks. He also conducted a seminar at Naro Moru River Lodge and visited Moshi in Tanzania. Allied activities such as healing groups, social service through cash and kind, and group meditations are carried on regularly in some of the Lodges.

Greece.—Work continues steadily. Two new translations were brought out during the year—*The Voice of the Silence* and *Gods in Exile*. The Section journal *Ilisos* has a circulation of 3,700 and is brought out every two months.

Philippines.—Valiant efforts are being made to re-build the Headquarters building and piece together available records after the disastrous fire which destroyed virtually all the Section property. The General Secretary makes special mention of the many spontaneous donations received in the form of books and money from various Sections and groups around the world and expresses her gratitude to one and all. The highlight of the year's activities was the annual convention held at Baguio City from 28th April to May 1st, when the city Mayor was the chief guest for the opening, thus bringing wide publicity and new members. The T.O.S. is very active and the work of the Society has wide publicity through Radio

and TV interviews. The Section looks forward to the visit of Joy Mills in January 1980.

Uruguay.—The outstanding event of the year was the visit of the International President with Mrs. Betsan Coats. The library attracts many new members who are interested in reading theosophical literature.

Yugoslavia.—The Section welcomed its new General Secretary Emilio Trampuz, who had been at Adyar prior to his election, working for the youth groups. Two new Lodges were formed during the year of which one, Brotherhood Lodge, in Ljubljana is developing into an active centre with programmes such as lectures, workshops and meditation groups. There is a growing interest in Theosophy among the younger generation and the General Secretary reports that there is a steady but slow increase in membership with some of the younger members becoming active workers "ensuring the development of the Society in the future". Plans are being made to print translations of theosophical books already available in MSS.

Italy.—During the year two new Lodges were formed and the General Secretary's report indicates that work is carried on steadily, particularly at Genoa, Milano, Palermo, Torino and Trieste. The *Revista Italiana de Teosofia* has 750 subscribers which include many non-members. Reprints in Italian of *The Voice of the Silence*, *A Study in Consciousness* and *Chakras* were brought out. A revised edition in Italian of *The Secret Doctrine* is in preparation. The 65th Annual Convention was held at Riccione and the theme was "The Re-incarnation of Christianity".

Germany.—The Section completed 95 years of Theosophy in Germany with the foundation of its first Lodge *Germania* in 1893. The most important event of the year was the Summer School held at

St. Martin a. d. Weinstrasse when 12 Sections were represented due to the meeting of the European Federation Council. The guest of honour was Mrs. Radha Burnier. Lectures and study seminars formed an important feature of the work done and amongst those who helped mention may be made of Arne Hansen from Oslo, Mrs. Anneliese Stephan, Dr. Peter Meyer-Dohm and Mr. Siegfried Kuska.

Argentina.—The Section had the privilege of a visit by the International President and his wife Mrs. Betsan Coats, both of whom participated in the Summer School held near Cordoba in late March. There were 140 participants. Other honoured visitors were Mrs. Dora Kunz, National President of the American Section, and Mrs. Emily Sellon. The Summer School was coincident with the Congress of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation with representatives from 15 countries. There was also a Congress of the Argentine Federation of Young Theosophists. The President and Mrs. Betsan Coats visited the various centres in the Section, speaking to members and the general public.

Belgium.—The various branches in Brussels devote their programmes to specialized studies on such subjects as *The Secret Doctrine*, Krishnamurti's teachings, Esoteric Healing, Spiritual Astrology, Yoga and so on. Weekly public lectures and activities of the T.O.S. are important aspects of the work in the Section. The library and book shop continue to attract the public.

Indonesia.—The Section had the honour of welcoming the International Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, early in September, when she visited Jakarta, Surabaya, Solo and Yogyakarta. The Annual Convention was held in Surabaya with the Acting Governor of East Java and

the Vice-Mayor of Surabaya as guests of honour. The Section has an active youth section. Translations of classic literature into Indonesian steadily continues and the Section has now published eight books.

Bolivia.—The members were happy to welcome the International President and Mrs. Betsan Coats in May at Cochabamba when members from all the eight Branches were present. Besides addresses to members, Mrs. Coats addressed the public. The visit of Eduardo Thomas of Argentina greatly benefitted the work.

Sri Lanka.—The Section had the privilege of having Miss Joy Mills, the International Vice-President, visit the Section when she gave public lectures, a seminar and led a retreat organized by the newly formed Marifa Lodge. The International President spent a day in Colombo on his way to South America when he had discussions with the Lodge representatives on the work. The Section plans to bring out some translations of Theosophical books besides a golden jubilee souvenir magazine. Mrs. Theja Guna-wardane visited Hawaii and conducted two workshops on New Age themes related to Theosophy. The Secretary's reports indicate that attempts are being made to reactivate the work in several Lodges.

Wales.—New friendships and contacts were made with groups of similar ideals during the process of attempting to compile a directory of groups with ideals oriented toward the new age. The General Secretary reports that it is only by such efforts that one can keep the Society alive and vital without losing its identity. The membership does not show much increase as incoming numbers are almost balanced by deaths, lapses and resignations.

Portugal.—The General Secretary reports that the year was a very active one in the public work of the Lodges. Lec-

tures, seminars and symposia were held on topics such as "Education and Theosophy", "Meditation and the Modern World", "The Child and Theosophy", etc., attracting many non-members. Among those who visited the Section were Dr. Dubbink of Holland, Joseph Ross (U. S. A.) and Mr. Frank Ryder from England. Many of the members were able to participate in the Iberian Theosophical Week held in Madrid in June.

Spain.—Among the important events in the Section since "the wide opening of Theosophy, in this country" were: The Iberic Theosophical Convention at Madrid when members from Portugal, Spain and Latin America attended and the International Theosophical Youth Camp held near Barcelona. About 14 members attended the Pays Latin Summer School held at Imburs, France. There are now 12 branches with another in the offing. The President and Secretary of the new Pax Branch, to be officially inaugurated, have been nominated by the Education Minister as official representatives of Spain at the UNESCO in this International Children's Year. The report concludes with the remark that "members, books, meetings, all go on in an increasing way."

Iceland.—At the Annual Convention held in June, Mr. Birgir Bjarnason was elected as the new General Secretary. *Gangleri*, the magazine of the Section, is in its 53rd year and has 1,630 subscribers. Most of the activities are concentrated at Reykjavik and public lectures, study courses, discussions, meditation hours open to the public form the major activities of the Section.

Austria.—Dr. Norbert Lauppert who retires this year as General Secretary after being in office since 1958 (with three years break from 1961-64) writes in his

report of the vicissitudes of the Section since its inception in 1912. He indicates how Graz, a small city, grew into an important centre of activity for Theosophy, since the Section headquarters moved there from Vienna and that in present times it is easier to work for the T.S. in a smaller city rather than in a large one. Adyar Verlag, well known for its publications in German, has brought out since 1947, 26 translations of English titles, 12 original works and 14 reprints. An outstanding feature of the year was a ten day visit by Mrs. Radha Burnier when there were public lectures, members meetings, question and answer sessions besides social gatherings. The General Secretary concludes that because work in Austria is not anymore confined to the capital the chances of spreading the message of the T.S. are now better than before World War II. Dipl. Ing. Julius Fleischanderl has been elected as the new General Secretary at the November elections.

Brazil.—The important event of the year was the visit of the International President and his wife, Mrs. Betsan Coats, who travelled individually to the various centres giving lectures to the public and members. The Raja Centre near Sao Paulo had a second seminar on Science and Theosophy organized by the young people. Mr. Murillo Nunes de Azevedo has been re-elected as the General Secretary. Portuguese translations of H.P.B.'s *The Voice of the Silence*, *The Life of Mme. H. P. Blavatsky* by A. P. Sinnett and Annie Besant's *Introduction to Yoga* were published during the year under report.

Canada.—One of the significant happenings during the year was the transfer of the *Hermes* (Vancouver) and North Vancouver Lodges to the jurisdiction of the Theosophical Society in Canada, in

accordance with the wishes of the majority of members in these Lodges. The General Secretary has expressed his happiness at the enrichment to the Section by the inclusion of these branches. The guest of honour at the annual meeting was Dr. Jean Raymond, the International Secretary, and this provided an opportunity for a valuable exchange of views especially with the Board members. Mr. Gordon Plummer undertook an extensive tour of the Section when lectures, seminars and study groups were organized. *The Canadian Theosophist* continues to be the principle link between members and it is now in its 60th volume. A Theosophical Home Study Course has been introduced, organized entirely by a member in British Columbia.

Norway.—The Section had three guest speakers during the year: Mr. Gunnar Larson (General Secretary of Sweden), Mr. G. Farthing (England) and Mr. Heiz Kilian (Germany). More open meetings are held at the headquarters at Oslo and the sale of theosophical books has increased considerably.

Finland.—The Summer School at Kreivila continues to be an important forum and this year Mrs. Radha Burnier was the Chief Guest. A new Lodge was formed in Hyvinkaa. Wallace Slater's *Raja Yoga* and I. K. Taimni's *The Secret of Self Realization* were published in Finnish and *The Ageless Wisdom of Life* by Clara Codd, translated into Finnish, was reprinted.

Burma.—The Olcott Lodge at Rangoon continues to be the "backbone of the Burma Section". Lectures by well-known authors and religious leaders of different denominations followed by "good will meditation sessions" are the important features of the programme. Due to restrictions in import trade regulations there is a lack of literature on Theosophy

and allied subjects. However U Tin Hlaing translated some of the works of H. P. Blavatsky into Burmese, copies of which are distributed at cost price to the members. The Vice-President Miss Joy Mills, could not visit Burma as planned due to difficulty in getting a visa and the members were keenly disappointed. The General Secretary writes that the lack of dogma and creed is attracting the intellectuals to the Society increasingly.

Cuba.—The 74th Annual Convention was held in January with the programme centering on science. The Lodges are reported to be very active and each has its own plan of study and the topics range from Rudiments of Theosophy, Consciousness and its ramifications, Rhythmology, Psychology, to Yoga and teachings of Krishnamurti. Theosophical Festivities such as Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, etc. form also an important aspect of Lodge work. *Revista Teosofica Cubana* features regularly Spanish translations of Dr. I. K. Taimni's books to enable the members to have access to these writings.

South Africa.—The General Secretary reports that "although the public is interested in the teachings that are given they do not join, perhaps because these teachings are now more readily available to everyone". The International President visited the Section for a few days though he could not be there at Easter time to present the charter to the newly formed Taimni Lodge. The annual Convention was held in Port Elizabeth.

Switzerland.—Most of the branches have fortnightly meetings. The Geneva group of Lodges organizes weekly public lectures while the Basle group presents monthly public lectures. Both groups have libraries accessible to the public; theosophical publications in French, German and English are also sold in these centres.

Mrs. Radha Burnier visited Geneva and Basle and gave public lectures besides seminars. A number of members actively participated in the German summer schools at St. Martin and Pichl as well as the Latin Summer School at Montelimar. Funds have been provided for publication of information leaflets, brochures and book reviews in French and German. The General Secretary mentions that "there is now quite a satisfactory mixture of age groups from age 28 onwards in our section, in membership as well as leadership."

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND FEDERATIONS

Pakistan.—The Karachi Lodge registers an increase of 29, bringing the membership total to 136. As the most active Lodge in the Regional Association, it features study seminars for both members and public. The group published a translation in Urdu of *The Key to Theosophy* as abridged by Joy Mills. *Theosophy in Karachi* comes out regularly. During her visits overseas, Mrs. Gool Minwalla, Presidential Representative, was able to attend the annual Convention and Summer School of the American Section.

Northern Ireland.—The Regional Secretary reports that in spite of continuing difficulties in the area, they "had a rather interesting programme of public lectures and discussions, and all meetings were reasonably well attended". Membership stands at 42.

Canada.—With the transfer of the Hermes (Vancouver) and North Vancouver Lodges to the Canadian Section, the membership of the Regional Association dropped to 72. However, the co-ordinator, Dr. C. Ton Phan, reports an upward trend, with new members joining. Correspondence courses on meditation

are offered to both members and non-members. The journal, since January 1979 called *The Theosophical Society*, is published in both French and English.

Inter-American Theosophical Federation.—The VIth Congress of the Inter-American Federation was held this year at Villa Carlos Paz, Cordoba Province, Argentina, with the International President as guest of honour. Sr. Juan Viñas was elected to a three-year term as President of the Federation, succeeding Sr. Luis Spirani who had guided the work since the establishment of the Federation over a decade ago. Sr. Viñas has continued an active programme of travelling among the Sections of South and Central America, and the work of publishing books in both Spanish and Portuguese goes forward steadily.

European Theosophical Federation.—The annual meeting of the Federation Council was held, by invitation, at St. Martin during the German Summer School. The Chairman, Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith, reports that the financial position of the Federation is satisfactory "largely because of the economies made by cancelling the usual meeting of the Executive Committee in February and therefore transacting any necessary business by post". Mrs. Radha Burnier was the honoured guest of the Federation, attending many summer schools in Europe and invited to the Council sessions at St. Martin. The Federation Chairman herself visited Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Spain and Switzerland during the year.

LODGES ATTACHED DIRECT TO ADYAR

Singapore.—The highlight of the year was the realization of "our dream and hope of our own building", writes the President, Mr. Edwin d'Souza. This

was made possible by a generous donation from an unknown benefactor. The Lodge moved into its new premises on 28th April. On 28th December 1978 the Lodge celebrated the 103rd anniversary of its founding. During the year under report the International Vice-President visited the Lodge twice, in January and in September, when she spoke to members and the public. Singapore being situated at the crossroads of the Eastern world, the Lodge is able to welcome many guest speakers among whom mention may be made of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of New Zealand and Dr. Mary Myers of U.S.A.

Comilla Lodge, Bangladesh.—The membership as on 13th November 1979 is 31. This is a commendable number considering the vicissitudes the Lodge had gone through in recent years. The President reports that 56 meetings were held during the year under report and the programmes include lectures and studies of Hinduism, Islam and Theosophy.

Fako Lodge, Cameroon.—On 21st May, the Lodge celebrated its second anniversary in Buea, when some friends (sympathizers) were also invited. Discussions were held under the theme "Man in Relation to Nature". The Lodge was fortunate to have a three-day visit from the International President when he conducted discussions besides giving lectures. The Secretary writes that his inspiring words encouraged them to work with greater persistence and courage for the ideals of the Society. The Lodge hopes to have the support of the members in Cameroon attached to the French Section in their work.

Paz y Amor Lodge, Peru.—The Lodge Paz y Amor in Lima, meets regularly for the study of a variety of subjects. The Secretary reports that the outstanding event of the year was a picnic near Lima amid the snowy Andes mountains.

Nippon Lodge, Japan.—The Nippon Lodge in Tokyo now has a membership of 28 and regular programmes of study and discussion are carried on. In their monthly magazine, translations in Japanese of *Man and His Bodies* and *When Daylight Comes* are regularly featured and the President of the Lodge hopes to publish these as books when the translating work is completed. The group has already brought out the Japanese edition of *Invisible Helpers* and, assisted by a grant from the Non-English Publications Fund, *The Astral Plane*.

Israel.—When the membership of Morya Lodge in Haifa declined to five, the group agreed to join Covenant Lodge in Tel-Aviv; three members of the former

Safad Lodge also joined Covenant Lodge, bringing the membership of that branch to 43. The Lodge helps with books and attendance at meetings of a sympathetic group in Haifa, and regular monthly meetings are also held in Kabri. Vietnamese refugees in Israel have been contacted and efforts are being made to provide them with literature in their own language. Harmony Lodge in Tel-Aviv lost three of its valuable members, reducing its strength to 15, but meetings continue to be held regularly. The Lodge President, Mr. Hans Zeuger, gave talks on the radio on politico-astrological forecasts. With Mrs. Zeuger, he visited London during the year, renewing a number of theosophical contacts there.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

INTRODUCTORY: There has been a departure in the accounting procedure from the previous years in that Depreciation on Immovable Properties has been taken direct to the General Fund in the Balance Sheet instead of being included in the Income and Expenditure account.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:

A. INCOME:

There was an increase in income of Rs. 94,757 as compared with the previous year. Surplus on *Adyar Newsletter* for the year was more by Rs. 5,551 as compared with last year. The other main items of increase were as follows:

	Rs.
1. Donations	15,172
2. Fees and Dues	32,897
3. Interest and Dividends earned	22,812
4. Quarters Maintenance (Recoveries)	5,756
5. Overhead charges	2,779

The increase in Fees and Dues was to some extent due to arrears of payment from Sections as a result of a special appeal to all Sections for prompt remittance of dues and also individual appeals to Sections which were in arrears.

A sum of Rs. 26,312 was realised on disposal of some old ivory tusks belonging to the Museum.

B. EXPENDITURE:

I. DEPARTMENTAL RESULTS:

The full impact of the upward revision of salaries, wages and allowances was felt during the year. Expenditure under these heads, as well as on Provident Fund, Gratuity, Employees' State Insurance and other benefits shows a substantial increase in every Department. In spite of such increase, Departmental results showed a net decrease in expenditure of Rs. 21,201 (Rs. 227,011—Rs. 205,810).

1. **Adyar Library:** The Publication account showed a surplus of Rs. 5,081 as against the anticipated deficit of Rs. 5,900 in the budgetary provisions for 1978-79. Donations received were less

by Rs. 7,483 as compared with the previous year. The net deficit for the year was Rs. 66,746 as against Rs. 93,263 for the previous year.

2. **Bhojanasala:** The deficit under 'Boarding' was less by Rs. 2,231 as compared with the previous year, while the surplus under 'Lodging' went up by Rs. 1,144 in spite of Rs. 3,000 being provided as a Reserve for future repairs of the Bhojanasala Buildings. The final result was a net surplus of Rs. 3,017 as against a deficit of Rs. 886.97 of the previous year and an anticipated deficit of Rs. 5,755 projected in the Budget for 1978-79.

3. **Garden Department:** The fall in gross returns in the cultivation account was

mainly due to fall in Coconut receipts by Rs. 34,521 and the increased loss of Rs. 4,305 under Paddy account, as compared with the previous year.

The overall net deficit for the year was more by Rs. 18,579 than the deficit of the previous year.

4. **Leadbeater Chambers:** The deficit under Boarding was Rs. 4,134 as against the deficit of Rs. 16,480 for the previous year, the surplus on Lodging went up by Rs. 11,186 in spite of Rs. 10,000 being provided for future repairs to the building and the final result was a net surplus of Rs. 25,118 as compared with the surplus of Rs. 1,700 for the previous year.

5. **Maintenance Department:** The net deficit for the year was Rs. 160,877 as compared with Rs. 172,482 of the previous year.

6. **The Theosophical Publishing House:** The 'Advertisement Revenue' and the 'Donations' received for the year were more by Rs. 4,833 and Rs. 16,387 respectively and the deficit was less by Rs. 7,375 as compared with the previous year, for *The Theosophist*.

The Receipts of the Publishing House on "Sales" for the year were more by Rs. 15,830. The sum of Rs. 12,000, paid towards President's Management Expenses for the year, was returned in full by the President as a contribution to the Theosophical Publishing House.

Receipts on account of "Royalty" were less by Rs. 6,897 and payments on that account were less by Rs. 3,725. The excess of Income over Expenditure was more by Rs. 8,864 as compared with the previous year.

7. **The Vasanta Press:** Though the Gross Income in the Production Account was less by only Rs. 6,650 as compared with the previous year, the Income and Expenditure account showed a net deficit of Rs. 36,511 against the previous year's surplus of Rs. 3,439. This was mainly

due to increase in Depreciation charged during the year by Rs. 17,286 and Quarters Maintenance by Rs. 13,800.

II. DEPRECIATION:

Depreciation other than on immovable properties amounted to Rs. 29,171. Together with depreciation on immovable properties charged direct to the General Fund in the Balance Sheet, amounting to Rs. 116,007, the total depreciation written off was Rs. 145,178 as against Rs. 127,932 of the previous year. The increased write-off was mainly on account of increase in Depreciation on Vasanta Press Machinery.

III. GENERAL:

The expenditure on the Annual Convention held in December 1978 amounted to only Rs. 2,206 as the Convention was held in Varanasi. There were decreases in expenditure of Rs. 3,721 under 'Kotagiri Properties Maintenance' and of Rs. 10,647 under 'Museum & Archives', as compared with the previous year. There were however increases in expenditure under the following heads mainly due to the revision of Salaries and Wages.

	Increase Rs.
1. Dispensary	3,754
2. Headquarters Department	3,372
3. International Offices	6,233
4. Movable Properties	3,519
5. Security Department	5,641

The other notable increases were:

1. Information and Public Relations	8,433
2. Miscellaneous	7,378
3. Printing and Stationery	6,390

BALANCE SHEET:

A.B.C. FUND:

Donations received to the corpus of this Fund during the year amounted to

Rs. 25,055 and the Balance stood at Rs. 2,231,458 as on 31st March 1979.

GENERAL FUND:

A sum of Rs. 179,744 representing Bequests and Rs. 127,573 being Donations received have been credited to the General Fund during the year. The amount realised on disposal of the Vasanta Press old building and two houses at Urur, kept as an advance, amounting to Rs. 365,852, were transferred to this Fund during the year.

A loss of Rs. 87,086 on disposal of

some of the low yielding Government Securities, namely 3% Conversion Loan 1946-86 Government Bonds, has also been now adjusted by transfer to the General Fund. These were sold for reinvestment of the proceeds at higher rates of interest. The balance of the General Fund as on 31-3-1979 stood at Rs. 5,636,821 as against Rs. 5,246,001 of the previous year, an increase of Rs. 390,820.

C. R. N. SWAMY,
Hony. Treasurer.

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES
OF NATIONAL SOCIETIES, REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS
AND FEDERATIONS, PRESIDENTIAL
AGENTS, ETC.

These reports in some instances have been translated
into English, edited or condensed in the office of the
International Secretary.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The American Section has, during 1979-80, an active membership of 5,004, which is an increase of 204 from last year. Our membership endowment stands at 468 and 83 of our members passed away to a richer life this year.

We have 82 active branches. The Spanish Branch of New York was dissolved and the Harris County Branch merged with the Houston Branch in Texas, where they share a very nice building.

We have 80 study centres now in existence and two study centres were dissolved: Providence, Rhode Island, and San Fernando, California. But all of us are happy to know that ten new study centres were formed. What is especially noteworthy is that these new centres come from many different sections of the country. It is always heartening to know so many new centres are now part of the Theosophical Society.

As the theosophical section is organized in five regional projects, we therefore have five regional coordinators whose work is to bring theosophy to the regions and to bring the membership together.

The Theosophical Publishing House had a very good year. The sales volume during the past year will approximate \$530,000. This represents an increase of around six per cent over the last fiscal year. The total number of Quest Books sold decreased about one-half of one per cent. Because of the small number of "general interest" new releases T.P.H.

was able to offer our clientele the past twelve months, this slight decrease in the total number of books sold, would appear to be tolerable.

There are seven Quest Bookshops which are distributed in New York, Seattle, Washington, Los Angeles, Boston, San Antonio (Texas), Oakland (California) and Wheaton (Illinois). They are active centres in the dissemination of theosophy and they are part of the work of the American Section.

Our Olcott Library and Research Centre has increased in readership a great deal this year and the microfilm reader is being used by many people outside the society.

There are four theosophical camps which are an integral part of the work of the Society and are located at Orcas in the North West, Pumpkin Hollow Farm in the North East, Far Horizons Sierra Camp high up in the mountains and the Ozark Camp in the South West. They give great variety of programmes and are open to the members of the society and the public. A great many young people participate in these programmes.

We have had a Quest Radio Series which are offered free to all the 23 radio stations in the United States that air these programmes.

Bing Escudero continues to be the national lecturer and is successful in speaking tours throughout the United States.

DORA KUNZ,
General Secretary.

ENGLAND

During the year the number of new members, members transferred in and reinstated was 334. The total membership stand at 2,221 an increase of 26 over the previous year. One new Lodge and one new Centre were authorised. Four Lodges and Centres were closed.

Annual Convention.—The Annual Convention with the Theme "The Light of Theosophy" was held at the National Headquarters in May. Mrs. Radha Burnier was our Guest Speaker. She delivered the Blavatsky Lecture entitled "Self Knowledge in the Light of Theosophy". Other speakers included Mr. D. Best, Mr. Geoffrey Farthing and Miss Ianthe Hoskins.

Three titles were brought out in editions during the year, namely *Lawa'ih* (a Sufi Mystical text), *Out of the Silence* and *The Etheric Double*. In addition T.P.H. prepared a new title *Master Teach Me*, for publication by the Theosophical Society.

Tape Library.—This Library has continued to expand and perform a useful service.

T.O.S.—This has been a very satisfactory year for the T.O.S. Owing to legacy 27 organisations benefited from donations including Indian Cyclone Disaster Fund.

MARION CAWS,
General Secretary.

INDIA

The privilege of submitting this Annual Report has come to me on the 1st of January 1979 when I assumed charge of my office from the then General Secretary, Mrs. Radha Burnier, who steered the ship of the Indian Section remarkably successfully and efficiently for nineteen years. There is a saying in respect of all services that it is always difficult to succeed to a very efficient predecessor in office. I have sometimes experienced the truth of this saying in my career in service and I do so now again in my present post to a far greater extent and in a deeper measure. After coming to reside at Varanasi, I have found that a considerable time had to be spent here for administrative work, namely the work relating to the Varanasi campus and that relating to Federations, and Lodges in India. The result is that I have not been able to tour enough for the propagation of Theosophical ideas in the Federations and Lodges as some members

would have liked me to do. However, I visited Jhansi, Lucknow, Baroda, Junagadh and Ahmedabad. Soon after the close of the year under report, I presided over the Bombay Federation's annual conference which related to the year under report and also visited the Lodges at Poona and attended the Gujarat Federation at Balasinor where our International President John Coats was presiding. I also attended the Blavatsky Lodge Centenary at Bombay in early November. Dr. C. V. Agarwal, the Assistant General Secretary, was able to visit over a dozen lodges mainly in the U.P. Federation which has to be a little more activated than that it really is.

Sixty-nine of the members of the Indian Section left their physical bodies during the year. It is not practicable to name each one individually although we appreciate their contribution. Bro. R. Srinivasa Rao of Hyderabad was one

among those whose Diploma had been signed by the President-Founder Col. Olcott, he having joined 75 years ago. Members visiting Adyar are sure to miss the ever-cheerful face of our venerable brother C. D. T. Shores who contributed much by his personal inspiration and warmth. He was for some time the International Treasurer and held other offices. Bro. G. R. Bhadbhade of Pune was another veteran worker who contributed a great deal to our work particularly in the Marathi speaking area. He had been an active member for nearly 70 years. Bro. P. M. Advani who joined in 1910 did notable work for the blind and was active in several Federations in India and also worked at Adyar and Varanasi Headquarters. Bro. Jamnadas Dwarkadas was closely associated with Dr. Annie Besant in her political work and was a prominent member of that time. Dr. Dorothy Rood transferred her membership from American Section and made Adyar her home, where she helped in the Adyar Library. Bro. Mantha Subba Rao who joined in 1918 had been a member of the Section Council and Secretary of the Telugu Federation. Bro. I. Venkataramanayya of Vijayawada, known for his work in spreading the library movement, had been a member of the Indian Section Council for many years; he travelled widely in the Telugu speaking areas for the propagation of Theosophy. Of others, who contributed to the work in their own way for half a century, mention may also be made of Mrs. Kunwar Taimni, wife of the late Dr. I. K. Taimni, who had done a magnificent job in important branches since she joined in 1925. Bro. R. C. Verma, Accountant of the Section and a member of long standing, had served the Section for over forty years. He passed on after a heart attack, and had

posted the accounts fully up to the day that he died. It is an example for others to follow in keeping nothing pending.

As I said above, we at Varanasi are doing our best to propagate Theosophical ideas by undertaking tours and in other suitable ways. In the year under report, Bro. A. Suryanarayan Moorti and Prof. H. E. Hakim were appointed National Lecturers. Bro. Suryanarayan Moorti presided over the Utkal Federation conference and gave talks at Madras. He has been active in the Telugu speaking area and presided over some conferences and conducting a study camp at Tapeswaram. He also helped in reorganizing the Vasanta Institute at Anakapalli which publishes Theosophical literature. Prof. Hakim had visited some Lodges in Gujarat and Ajmer in Rajasthan. He also gave talks to the Madras Federation. Mr. Rohit Mehta went on lecture tours to some Federations and gave talks. Mr. Ram Rich Pal Agrawala and Miss Shubhada Telang of Varanasi campus had also undertaken intensive tours in the U.P., Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan Federations. Dr. B. R. Mullik had visited six places. Mrs. Malati Pandya and Dr. C. V. Agarwal visited ten Lodges in U. P. Federation and gave talks. A few other workers also toured different Federations. In addition quite a few workers contributed greatly to the work by visiting different Lodges in their own Federations. Visits by outside members certainly arouse new enthusiasm and interest among the local members.

The Indian Section also makes effort to get suitable books published or translated. Major additions to the Theosophical literature in the Indian languages include a translation in Hindi of the late Dr. Taimni's excellent book *Self-Culture*. The Karnataka Federation has published the translation of *Introduction*

to Yoga, K. H. Letters to C. W. L., Life after Death and Popular Lectures on Theosophy. It has also brought out the Kannada version of the *The Handbook of the Indian Section* and of *How to behave with Children*. Bro. T. V. Rachappa has eminently earned our thanks for his efforts in bringing out these books in Kannada. In Bengal, *Man and His Bodies* and *Dreams* have been translated by P. C. Neogi. *Russio Yogini Blavatsky* has been written by Bro. S. K. Kar. The Tamil Federation has brought out a book in Tamil on Theosophy.

The Karnataka Federation which is the largest Federation in the Section has more members than most of the Sections in the world. It has a band of workers who frequently visit Lodges. The *Blavatsky* Lodge of the Bombay Theosophical Federation is the first Lodge in India to complete 100 years of useful service. During the year, a series of programmes was arranged to celebrate its Centenary which is also the Centenary of Theosophical work in India. It arranged an exhibition on the occasion and also a drama in addition to enlightening talks by the Governor of Tamilnadu, Mr. Prabhudas B. Patwari, the Chief Guest, and by our International President and Vice-President, Mr. John Coats and Miss Joy Mills, and other prominent workers of the Society. Dr. G. S. Arundale's Birth Centenary celebrations were started on 1st December 1978 and continued at different places throughout the year. Diamond and Silver Jubilees of *Besant* and *Radiance* Lodges of the Federation were also celebrated with Mrs. Radha Burnier in the Chair. Such celebrations provide an opportunity for focusing the attention of the public on the body of truths which is Theosophy. The Gujarat Federation organised an educational conference at Baroda with Mr. Rohit Mehta

as the principal speaker. It also organised four District Conferences in the Khed District and three camps of four days duration at Bhadran, Balasinor, Vallab Vidyanagar and Rass village. Some of the other Federations arranged study camps also. The Tamil Federation had three camps, Kerala had two and Rayalaseema two. A Young Theosophists Camp was held at Allahabad in the U.P. Federation. Inter-Lodges Meetings are a regular feature of the Madras Federation; there were nine such meetings during the year.

The International President, Mr. John B. S. Coats, was good enough to spare time to visit quite a few Federations in India. He visited the Bombay, M.P. & Rajasthan, Rayalaseema, Tamil, Bihar and U.P. Federations. In all these Federations he gave very useful guidance by his interesting talks. Mrs. Radha Burnier also visited the Bihar, Bombay, Marathi, Karnataka, Delhi and Tamil Federations. Her talks come from the heart and long experience, and she furnished a good guidance to the local workers by her speeches. The Study Class usually held at Bhowali could not be held in June 1979 for unavoidable reasons. We hope to arrange it in June 1980. The Workers Training Camp was held in May, 1978 at Adyar and the Fifty-sixth South Indian Theosophical Conference was organised in April 1979. The Theosophy Science Study Group under Dr. A. Kannan is doing its best for the study of science and technology in the light of Theosophy. White Lotus Day was celebrated on 8th May 1979 in the Besant Hall at Varanasi. The anniversary of Dr. Annie Besant's birthday was also celebrated at Varanasi under the Presidentship of Mr. Achyut Patwardhan.

The membership of the Section shows an increase of 104. There were 9,761 members on 1.10.1979 as against 9,657

last year. Karnataka Federation which has 2,116 members enrolled 200 new members, but 171 members therein lapsed during the year for non-payment of dues. The Kerala Federation has a membership of 429 out of which 108 joined anew during the year; 70 members lapsed during the year for non-payment of dues. It is found that out of these lapses, 31 had paid dues only once and 17 only twice. It goes to indicate that some of the newly enrolled members do not stay for long. Attention is therefore required to be paid more deeply to the question of keeping alive the interest of new members. When new enrolment is made we do issue letters to new members in the form of suggestions and instructions for their study. However, co-operation of the local senior members in this regard would be very helpful. On the percentage basis, Delhi Federation shows maximum lapses. As a matter of fact, about one third of its members have dropped out. This is a little alarming. Similar lapses in Assam, Bihar and Madras Federations were also found to be high on taking the percentage. The Assam Federation has been established only a year back. It has shown a relatively high enrolment, but also a high number of lapses. I hope that due efforts will be made by local senior members to keep up the interest of the old and new members and only then will the Federations prosper and advance.

The number of Lodges and Centres increased from 459 to 462. 19 Lodges and one Centre had to be dissolved. There are a few Lodges and Centres whose membership has fallen respectively below seven and three though not to three and one respectively.

Now something more to be said about the working of some of the Lodges and members. In her report

for last year, the then General Secretary had very pertinently made the following observations:

"There are many occasions and places where a non-Theosophical atmosphere prevails in the midst of members and Lodges. Ulterior motives guide actions in respect of properties and questions pertaining to administration. Childish conflicts arise over trivial issues. There is the desire to hold office on the one hand or refusal to undertake responsibility on the other, indicative of either ambition or indifference. These attitudes are symptomatic of the very worldly dimensions in which one can continue to live even after joining the Theosophical Society. But for any one who muses over the Society's inner aims and understands the true nature of Theosophy, an entirely different dimension must open up. Where wisdom is being built into the very fabric of our lives, problems of the kind that we find occurring very frequently in the Theosophical Lodges would not arise.... Lodge buildings are being used in various parts of the country for extraneous purposes or for allied activities which supersede the Theosophical work, the primary purpose for which the precincts exist. Education, social service and religious activities of various kinds may be called 'Theosophical' in a broad sense if carried on in the right manner and spirit. However, they often become activities which create confusion in the public mind as to the Society's aim and work. The so-called autonomy of Lodges often leads to exploitations by a group of persons with their own pet ideas. There is need to give serious consideration to the question of how to protect T.S. properties and to see that they are used for truly Theosophical work."

She must have experienced palpably

what she has observed above. However, it has become my lot to experience it still more acutely. After taking over as General Secretary, I have come across cases of a few Theosophical Lodges in which some individuals enrolled as members. Thereafter, their group was enlarged by more enrolments and in course of time, they managed to take over the administration and in some cases, the possession of the immovable property of the Lodge. In a few cases which are fortunately not many, all Theosophical activity was stopped on the precincts and Theosophical workers coming from outside and even from Varanasi were prevented from using the precincts for the propagation of Theosophical ideas. Some members have proposed that such members be removed from the membership of the Society. I feel convinced that there is considerable force in the proposal. However, so far, the Indian Section has hesitated to take such a step, but if things do not improve, it will have to remove such members from the rolls of the Indian Section. The former General Secretary has said further on in continuation of the above remarks "be in the world and not of it". If this call is answered affirmatively, it will put a mere member of the Theosophical Society on a sure path to become a true Theosophist.

The monthly magazine published by the Section, *The Indian Theosophist*, is appreciatively read and received not only by the members of the Indian Section but outside India also. Dr. C. V. Agarwal, Assistant General Secretary, helps me greatly in this connection by preparing the material for printing. The Joint General Secretary, Bro. C. S. Raghavan and Bro. M. K. Samant assist Bro. Agarwal.

To a considerable extent, the Indian Bookshop and the Tibbit Memorial

Library are also functioning satisfactorily. Bro. P. N. Chakraborty is the Manager of the Indian Bookshop. A Committee advises on books. Similarly, the Library which commemorates its generous donor Mrs. K. E. Tibbit is functioning with Dr. B. G. Deshpandē as the Librarian assisted by a Committee for the purchase of books.

The Theosophical Order of Service has continued to do very useful work in all Federations under Bro. M. S. Prasad. Under his guidance all workers, including Bro. P. N. Chakraborty residing in Varanasi campus and doing the work of the National Treasurer, are making valiant efforts to render service to the populace in one way or another, particularly when occasions such as floods, cyclones or earthquakes occur. During the year under report, there was unprecedented havoc because of heavy floods of the Machchu River in and around the township of Morvi in Saurashtra (Gujarat). The workers of the T.O.S. collected blankets, and other materials and money for distribution to the persons in need.

Before I close, it is my pleasant privilege and duty to record a few words of thankful appreciation to my colleagues and members of the staff, who spare no effort in carrying out the work allotted to them.

May the Masters help us in the discharge of this heavy responsibility of ours. I say 'heavy' because the members of the Society are a little less than 40,000 in the whole world and it becomes their duty to propagate this Ancient Truth to the human populace of more than 4,206 millions. So, our small number will not dissuade us but on the contrary, gives us a greater impetus for more devoted work and dedication to the Theosophical cause.

H. B. VAISHNAV,
General Secretary.

AUSTRALIA

The pattern of the work during the year under review basically remains similar to that in previous years, although there are some things deserving special comment such as the progress at the Mt. Helena Centre which I will touch on later in this report.

Annual Convention.—The main event of the theosophical year was the Annual Convention which was held at St. John Fisher College, University of Tasmania, Hobart, Tasmania (20-27 January, 1979). The keynote was struck at the opening session by the impressive Invocation of the Religions and this was maintained by the group meditations each morning in the College Chapel.

The theme, "Bridges to Reality", was explored through a variety of stimulating talks and workshops, especially those given by our Guest Speaker, Dr. Richard Silberstein, and by Mr. Cyril Havecker. While Richard Silberstein concentrated on relating new directions in Science to Theosophy, Cyril Havecker gave us some fascinating accounts of Aboriginal Creation Myths and Healing Methods. Other speakers were Phil Harris ("Theosophical Heresies") and a group of five, including myself, who attempted to give a broad perspective of the Theosophical Society at its many levels of activity from international to individual ("Our Theosophical Family—Bridges of Understanding").

In the evening, after strenuous day sessions, members were happy to relax and enjoy the entertainment. We were especially indebted to *Hobart Lodge* for arranging a programme by the Petra String Quartet which is the resident Quartet of the Tasmanian Conservatorium of Music. This fine group provided a musical "high". Also worthy of mention were: the play, "Masque of Mercy",

presented by Rogan Brown and players; three audio-visual presentations ("Manvantara", "The Temples of Japan" and "The Message of our Cultural Heritage" presented by Will McKenzie, John Fairbrass and Bill Keidan respectively); and the final evening when the Lodges entertained with some enjoyable items, including a play and Adrian de Graaf's rendering of the Spring Sonata. Under "recreation", too, must come the delightful day tour to the Mt. Field National Park and Russell Falls, with afternoon tea at the charming historic town of New Norfolk.

Convention is a time of sharing—sharing ideas, sharing discussions and sharing friendship. All these were present in rich abundance, enhanced by the memorable warmth and hospitality of our hosts, *Hobart Lodge*.

General Secretary's Visits.—This year I travelled extensively and was able to visit most parts of the Section. This is in keeping with the policy of trying to visit as many lodges as possible each year and all lodges at least every second year. Lodges visited were *Brisbane* (October 1978), *Adelaide*, *Perth* and *Gosnells* (late March/early April), *Canberra* and *Albury* (July) and *Melbourne* (September). More local visits included *Newcastle Lodge* and the *Gosford Group*. Talks to members and the public were given to all these as well as to *Blavatsky Lodge*. The most important aspects of such visits, however, is the opportunity they provide for meeting members and discussing ideas and any problems which may have arisen. In all places, I found the members full of enthusiasm. While in *Perth*, I spent a couple of days at the new Mt. Helena Centre in the hills and was pleased to note the progress

made in such a short time (see under "Lodges").

Theosophy in Australia.—*Theosophy in Australia* has been published quarterly and has continued the practice of using local contributors. One issue, concentrating on the International Year of the Child, drew particularly favourable comment, especially from those who feel strongly that Theosophy must be related to living and the problems met with in life. We have endeavoured to cater for all tastes and have also devoted some space each issue to publicising worthy causes which are usually an aspect of the work of the Theosophical Order of Service.

This year the magazine was nominated for the newly initiated Media Peace Prize awards and in October (which really belongs to next year's report), we were delighted to receive a Certificate of Appreciation which is given "for work recognized as a contribution towards the building of a peaceful society and as a constructive effort to find non-violent resolution to conflict".

It is our fervent hope that one day circumstances or a generous donor will enable us to fulfil two ambitions—firstly to publish the journal more often and secondly to publish special issues devoted to some specific aspect of Theosophy.

Our sincere thanks to the enthusiastic band of volunteer helpers who assist with wrapping the magazine for postage each quarter.

Lodges.—It has been a year of change for some lodges. After several years of suspense, *Perth* Lodge premises were finally resumed by the Department of Public Works and until compensation is determined, finance is tight and major work at the Mt. Helena Centre has come to a halt. Meanwhile the Lodge has moved to its Glendower Street property, over-

looking Hyde Park. Although this is further distant from the city centres than Museum Street, accommodation is more spacious, allowing for a better display of books in the library and bookshop. Members have risen magnificently to the challenge and have worked enthusiastically painting, gardening and carrying out the hundred and one odd jobs which need doing to make the building and grounds attractive.

The same hard work, dedication and generosity is found in the efforts of members at *Perth Lodge's Mt. Helena Centre*. This continues to be the most adventurous project in the Australian Section. To date the Director's house is completed and the area surrounding the house has been landscaped, the amenities block is finished and three of the chalets are almost ready for use. Although there are trees on the estate, many more have been planted. Gifts of money and furniture mean that the Centre will soon open its gates and welcome members and friends to seminars and workshops. The project is a challenge to other lodges and, if such centres in the United States are any criterion, will channel new life and new ideas into lodge work.

The great need for such centres where people can relate to one another and discuss ideas freely in a relaxed atmosphere has been borne out by the residential weekends some lodges have held. For instance, *Canberra* and *Blavatsky* Lodge members meet at Ranelagh, while further weekends are planned in a bushland setting within the city environs.

Thanks to two legacies, *Cairns* Lodge has been able to purchase a house not far from the city centre. They have christened it "The T.S. House" and see it as a place where there will be increasing application given to the three Objects

of the Society. Apart from providing a regular meeting place for members, it is hoped that anyone interested will come in to browse, talk, read a book or listen to a tape, buy a book, become a library member and perhaps attend the seminars and workshops which are planned. As in Perth, the *Cairns* Lodge members have rallied to the new project with enthusiasm, dedication and generosity.

It is at lodge level that the work of the Society in Australia is largely maintained and they, in turn, depend on the support of their individual members to keep their activities alive and progressive. Traveling around the Section, I have been pleased to see the growth in vitality in the lodges as they probe for new methods of presenting Theosophy which will be appropriate to the present time. There is a growing willingness to experiment with programmes and, although talks to members and the public form the backbone of lodge activities, much useful work is being done with workshops, meditation and healing groups. There is especially a tendency to inaugurate day or weekend seminars which attract interested audiences.

Lodges try to keep in touch with their members and with other lodges by means of their Newsletter and small journals. This year, *Blavatsky* and *Melbourne* Lodges joined with *Adelaide*, *Atherton*, *Brisbane*, *Cairns*, *Hobart*, *Perth* and *Toowoomba* in doing this. Recently *Hobart* and *Launceston* Lodges have amalgamated in producing a joint publication. Information of particular interest to the members at large, is passed on through the "News and Notes" Section of *Theosophy in Australia*.

An idea worth emulating is *Melbourne* Lodge's Refreshment Room which is open to the public on weekdays and be-

fore and after the Sunday Public Lecture. It is interesting to note how many members of the public find their way to the library and bookshop afterwards. Other lodges such as *Blavatsky* provide light meals (soup, salad, dessert) before evening meetings.

Fund raising, too, plays a prominent part in lodge activities and takes many forms—opportunity tables, open-bowl suppers, bring-and-buy and *Adelaide* Lodge even held a fete in the grounds of the home of the late Miss Constance Radcliffe.

Lodges also involve themselves in the community in various ways—prisoners are visited, talks are given to organizations like Rotary, the president of *Perth* Lodge, Bill Keidan, gave an audio-visual presentation at the WA Institute of Technology, Phil Harris spoke to High School students, speakers from *Blavatsky* Lodge gave talks at the Wayside Chapel.

Groups.—No report of the work of the lodges would be complete without also mentioning the excellent work being done in the smaller groups—*Albury*, *Gosford* and *St. George*. During recent months, *Albury* Group has hired a room which is open to the public four days a week. Enquirers can pop in, browse through the books or talk to the attendant. *Gosford* Group has extended its activities by initiating an afternoon group at Pt. Clare for those who are unable to attend evening meetings. *Blavatsky* Lodge provides most of the speakers and frequently a group will travel to Gosford or Pt. Clare to give the groups a boost. Tribute must be paid to the leader of the Gosford/Pt. Clare groups, Mr. John Green, who keeps the wheels turning smoothly by making attractive sign-boards to stand outside the premises, by making available a book and cassette

library which is housed in a small shed which he has renovated, by arranging speakers and by placing details of coming programmes in prominent places in shopping areas.

The smaller groups are well worthwhile and do not have the administrative problems of lodges. It is to be hoped that other people will take up the challenge and start groups in their particular area.

Services to Lodges and Members.—The following material is available from the Headquarters Office and is useful in a number of ways. It can be used to augment lodge programmes, to assist members in the preparation of talks or simply for the pleasure of individual members wanting to know a little more about Theosophy.

Study Material.—Several new Study Courses have been added to those already in stock and these are proving popular with lodges and individual members. One much in demand by lodges and individual members is "Sharing Theosophy: A Course in Public Speaking". This is based on a publication produced several years ago by the Blavatsky Institute of Canada and a more recent course prepared by some members in New Zealand. This was issued by the "International Theosophical Youth Centre in Adyar in 1976 and edited and reprinted by the American Section this year. It contains some helpful information for those interested in developing their public speaking and group communication skills, and includes useful and creative ideas for ways in which to present Theosophy to the public and the media. Other courses equally in demand are "An Introduction to Esoteric Principles", "The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett" and "Concentration and Meditation".

Tape Library.—Reel-to-reel and cassette

tapes are available to lodges, members and friends. These cover not only Theosophy but a variety of subjects of interest to theosophists in the fields of science, the arts, medicine, religion, etc. Those added recently include "An Historical Outline of the Western Tradition" (John Cooper), "The Creation Myths of the Aborigines" (Cyril Havecker), "Gnosticism" (John Cooper), "Patanjali—a Look at Raja Yoga" (Yvonne Malykke), "The Psychology of Initiation" (Dudley Gower), "New Sciences, New Scientists" (Richard Silberstein), "The Integration of the Self" (3 talks given at The Manor during a seminar for members) and several recent talks of Geoffrey Hodson supplied by the New Zealand Section.

Publicity Leaflets and pamphlets.—A number of excellent leaflets and pamphlets on pertinent subjects which are useful for the enquirer and can also be placed on view at public meetings or in lodge bookshops are available to lodges and enquirers. Recently added and much in demand is a leaflet on "Meditation"; this is based on material submitted by Dr. Mullik of Adyar. As present leaflets run out of stock, we are updating them (if necessary) and using more modern illustrations on the front page. Those already reprinted and updated include "Reincarnation", "Karma", "Life After Death", "The Use of Thought Power" and "Through the Gateway of Birth".

Films and Slides.—These include the three Quest films in 16 mm colour and sound, a short Quest film featuring theosophical camps in America, and a slide library with transparencies, mostly in colour, covering illustrations from basic theosophical literature. As well as these, there are Special Programmes and illustrated study courses, comprising scripts, slides and tapes.

Resource Catalogue.—A Resource Catalogue has been developed to simplify, facilitate and make convenient the use of these various learning materials available from the National Headquarters. This covers the following: reel or cassette tape recordings for loan; special and audio-visual programmes; how to produce an audio-visual programme; Quest films for loan; special study courses for sale; leaflets available as lodge aids for publicity, etc.; correspondence course, programmes for special days, etc.; instructions for borrowing resource material.

Adyar Newsletter.—The *Adyar Newsletter* is sent regularly to lodges by courtesy of The Theosophical Society in Australia and helps to keep members in touch with both the International Headquarters at Adyar and the work around the world. For the benefit of all members relevant parts appear in *Theosophy in Australia* under "News and Notes".

Contact Letters.—My monthly Contact Letters to all lodges and groups, and quarterly one to unattached members keep members informed of events here and abroad. Above all it is used to keep ideas flowing so that all may be informed and so can experiment with ideas put forward if they wish.

Membership.—Membership now stands at 1,231, a decrease of 69 over last year. There have been 205 incoming members (132 new ones, 44 readmissions and 29 transfers). Against this there have been 274 outgoing (46 resignations, 182 lapsings, 12 deaths and 34 transfers). Through death we have lost several dedicated members, including Mrs. Suzanne McNab, Mrs. Kathleen Treatt Van Der Ley, Mrs. Mary Llorens, Cyril Havecker, Edgar Maddocks and O. Gregson.

Letters to New Members.—This programme has been in operation for fifteen years and continues to have a favourable

response. The service is provided for the first eighteen months of membership and a monthly average of 190 letters has been sent. These generate a lot of interest and, apart from letters of appreciation received, members also write seeking clarification of various theosophical concepts.

Once again our thanks go to Mr. W. P. McKenzie for his excellent inscribing of the new diplomas.

Headquarters Staff.—The Headquarters Staff work as a team and each contributes to the overall work of the Section. At present it comprises, apart from myself: Miss Judith Fyfe whose duties include handling membership, letters to new members, the correspondence course and dealing with enquirers; Mrs. Gladys MacCartie, who is semi-retired and now spends a period of less than a day a week on official work; Mr. Hermann Braakensiek, who is Secretary of the Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd. and has taken over from Mrs. Yvonne Pretzel; Mrs. Celia Novy, Manager of the Quest Book Agency and her assistant, Ms. Ruth Leslie who works four days a week.

Especially thanks are due to the National Treasurer, Dr. Hugh Murdoch, who gives unstintingly of his time, both as the Treasurer and Chairman of the Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd.

We are indebted to those volunteers who assist Mrs. Novy and the Headquarters staff regularly. Regrettably rising costs do not enable us to employ more staff which means that the present staff work long hours in order to keep their work flowing.

Advertising and Publicity.—*Correspondence Course:* During the year thirty new students have enrolled in the Correspondence Course which is based on Eunice and Felix Layton's book *Theosophy, Key to Understanding*.

Leaflets.—See under "Services to Lodges and members".

Cosmos.—A monthly advertisement has appeared in *Cosmos*, the cost being borne by the major lodges. This has resulted in an increase in enquiries to the Headquarters Office alone—77 written ones and many more telephone ones having been received.

Indirect publicity also comes via the bookshops, the regular Sunday night broadcasts and from seminars.

It is unfortunate that we are severely handicapped by lack of time and money in increasing publicity at present.

Broadcasting.—The regular 15-minute theosophical broadcasts have continued on Station 2GB each Sunday evening and bring requests for scripts and information about Theosophy. We have tried to introduce a greater variety of presentation by interspersing talks with interviews and short discussions, and occasionally these have included interviews with well-known figures such as Gilberto Rizzo (from the United Nations) and Patrick Jansen (from the Jung Society). Broadcasts often result in a number of enquiries in the bookshops and the National Headquarters. Once again our sincere thanks go to all those who have helped with these, especially Mrs. Gladys MacCartie who has organized them in her own time. Unfortunately, our contract expires in another year and we must look for an alternate form of publicity.

Bookshops.—One of our most valuable forms of publicity must surely be our bookshops in Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney (2). Other lodges like Hobart, Launceston, Cairns, Canberra and Newcastle sell books when meetings are held; these are mainly from the Quest Book Agency. The sale is small but constant. Not only do our bookshops spread theosophical teachings

in the form of books, but they are valuable resource centres, where publicity leaflets announcing future programmes, workshops, guest speakers, films and coming events in general may be left. It is our experience that the public appreciate the friendly service and specialized books they can readily obtain from these shops.

Quest Book Agency.—Mrs. Novy has continued as Quest Book Manager and we are fortunate to have someone who is not only experienced in the book trade but a tireless and enthusiastic worker who is willing to put in long hours to make a success of the Agency. Books are sold to lodge bookshops, as well as to trade customers throughout Australia, New Zealand, Norfolk and Christmas Islands. Quest imports in bulk the popular paperback series known as Quest Books published by the Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, U.S.A. It also acts as agents for several other publishing firms including the Theosophical Publishing Houses in America and London; Watkins Publishing, England; The Adyar Library and Research Centre, India; Cesara Publications, Eire; The Secret Doctrine Reference series from Wizard's Bookshelf, San Diego; Point Loma Publications (a sister theosophical body); Beshara Publishing, London; RILKO (Research Into Lost Knowledge Organisation), England; Dharma Publishing, California (quality books on Tibetan philosophy and art); Kalakshetra, India (Montessori Educational books); and selected titles from Feffer and Simons, and Allen and Unwin.

Quest advertises regularly in *Cosmos*, but most orders come from the catalogue, and in Sydney by Ruth Leslie contacting bookshops. Some orders come via our Melbourne and Brisbane representatives, but we urgently need suitable representatives in other cities.

Administration.—During the convention

at St. John Fisher College, University of Tasmania, Hobart, Tasmania, three National Council Meetings were held as well as the customary Annual General Meeting of The Australian Section Theosophical Trust.

The Sydney members of the National Executive Committee and the Directors of the Trust Company meet regularly each month; minutes of these meetings and relevant information are sent to all concerned with administration. I would like to thank sincerely all those concerned with this side of the work and support given to me personally.

Fact Finding Sub-Committee.—A Fact Finding Sub-Committee, set up at the 1978 Convention to look frankly at the problems confronting the lodges, presented its findings in a report (Report of the Sub-Committee on Public Relations) at the Hobart Convention. The report which is very comprehensive and highlights problem areas as well as suggesting possible means of remedying them, was adopted by Council and distributed to the Lodge Committees for discussion and implementation where necessary. It has been suggested to lodges that this be done in five stages with two months given for each stage. Some of the lodges have reported back to the National Headquarters regularly and this material will be collated and presented to the next Convention in Brisbane. Our sincere thanks go to the Core Committee (Mrs. Shirley Miller, convener, Ms. Laurane Buchanan and Mr. Dale Caird).

Finance.—Dr. Murdoch has continued as National Treasurer and Chairman of The Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd. The building in North Sydney is held in trust for the Society and *Blavatsky* Lodge. Letting is progressing well, with approximately a quarter floor still vacant.

In continuance of its policy of promo-

ting the objects of the Society, The Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd. gave financial assistance for printing *Theosophy in Australia*.

Theosophical Order of Service.—The Theosophical Order of Service is intended to give theosophists first and foremost "an opportunity to live the brotherhood they proclaim, and to apply the Ancient Wisdom of the Theo-Sophia to the basic problems of national and international life and culture". All groups and individuals work autonomously, knowing what they can best achieve in their own area, but nevertheless there is an exchange of ideas within the TOS as well as with other groups which is of assistance in improving the work.

In this International Year of the Child, the TOS has worked in many ways. In Australia it has studied the areas where help is most needed for the children of minority groups, including Aboriginal children, as well as the children of migrants and refugees settling here and children suffering from abuse by their parents. The international work for children has included work for the Save the Children Fund, the HPB Hostel at Adyar where boys continuously need our support, a Buddhist Orphanage in Bangladesh, special donations to the Nilgiris Adivasi Welfare Association for their programmes to help nursery teachers in the Kolikarai Creche, who are working for the tribal people. Through membership of AUSTCARE (Australian Care for Refugees), which is the official organization representing the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Australia, it has been able to send funds to a Buddhist Orphanage in Chittagong, Bangladesh, for food, housing and education. The National Director for the TOS, Mrs. Lorraine Moseley, is a Director of AUSTCARE. Some groups also

assist Korean children. Individual members are responsible for very valuable specialised work with children by teaching the Montessori system, working with slow learners and working most actively for the Save the Children Fund and UNICEF.

Other social work in Australia includes membership of the Tibetan Friendship Society; National Council of Women; AUSTCARE's Migrant and Refugee Committee, and the United Nations Association's Human Rights committee. TOS groups in Australia assist many organizations, including the Aboriginal Medical Centre, Operation Aborigine (a Co-op. training college), work with prisoners, senior citizens, hospitals, etc.

Groups also assist the overseas projects, including the Rice Bowl Appeal, medical supplies to Vietnam (as requested by John Coats), Indian Flood Appeals, and the Kotagiri Women's Cooperative.

Through its membership of the United Nations Association of Australia, the TOS actively supports various programmes, including Peace Research, Disarmament and the work of the United Nations Organization in many fields. Peace Research in Australia owes a great deal to one TOS member who has now established an annual Media Peace Prize which is creating much interest in other countries as well as in Australia. The TOS is also included as sponsors of the world-wide organization—Week of Prayer for World Peace—held in conjunction with United Nations Week in October.

Much work is being done by the TOS groups and individuals in the field of Animal Welfare as was highlighted during the seminar organized by the Sydney TOS. The productive afternoon sessions included speakers from Project Jonah,

Animal Liberation, Australian Association for Humane Research, Beauty Without Cruelty and Green Peace. In South Australia, a TOS member is President of the Anti-Vivisection Association and Secretary of the Vegetarian Society which brings out an excellent bi-monthly journal. Members also support the work of FRAME (Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments.)

In the field of Human Rights, support is given by various groups to the work of Amnesty International, and in the Arts, the Brisbane TOS continues to give a Music Bursary each year to the Conservatorium.

Our deepest thanks to all those members who apply their Theosophy in such a practical manner to "The Service of all Who Suffer".

Chit.—The little bulletin, *Chit*, which helps the scientifically oriented theosophist and others keep in touch with ongoing research relative to theosophical concepts across a broad spectrum of scientific disciplines, continued during the early part of the year, but has been in abeyance for a few months as its editor, Mr. Dale Caird, is heavily involved in university studies. It will be resumed in the new year.

Photocopier.—A more modern photocopier was purchased in December to replace our old one. This has proved a time-saver, has facilitated our work in many ways and made possible the preparation of a Resource Catalogue and some Study Courses.

International.—Of necessity the main thrust of our work is directed to the work in Australia, but we are part of an international organization which seeks to foster universal brotherhood. As such the National Headquarters remains in close touch with the International Headquarters in Adyar and with Sections

and lodges around the world and we try to share this international link with members in the magazine and in the Contact Letters.

Following the establishment of the Indo-Pacific Theosophical Federation last year, we have strengthened our links with the Federation's member countries and assisted them where possible. Because of our contacts, for instance, we have been able to send book parcels, etc., to the Philippines when this Section lost its Headquarters building due to fire.

The ABC Fund stood at \$24,352.00 on September 30, 1979, and its income during the year amounted to \$1857.00. This is a capital fund held by the Australian Section Theosophical Trust for the benefit of the international work.

We would remind members that we also have a special Trust Fund under which members can make over property or funds now and receive the income during their lifetime. In many ways this is simpler than bequeathing property.

As usual, collections and donations have been sent to Adyar for the Adyar Day and Rice Bowl Appeals.

Bequests.—Probate was granted on the estate of the late Ted Mann of Cairns and an amount of \$18,696.89 was received. This was left to the Society to be held for the benefit of Cairns Lodge. This money, together with that from another smaller legacy, have enabled Cairns Lodge to purchase a property (see under "Lodges").

An amount of \$32,500 in cash and \$3,500 in Series 1 Commonwealth Bonds was received from the estate of the late Miss A. E. Cunningham.

Australian Section Fund and Fotsia.—The Australian Section Fund which was evived at the 1977 Convention continued until August when a fresh appeal was

launched. This year \$3,674.94 has been received for the ASF, \$2,910.74 of which has come in since the August Appeal. \$1,342.00 has been received for the FOTSIA Appeal (Friends of the Theosophical Society). This is an appeal to members who feel sufficiently committed to the work and are financially able to do so, to join by promising to donate at least \$100 per year for 3 years. To date, 16 members have done so. Both these appeals were launched in an attempt to reduce the Section deficit. A further \$3,328.00 has come in from the Davies Scheme. This scheme was initiated by Mr. R. Davies of Canberra Lodge and is also a means of reducing the deficit.

Research Library.—A useful research library is slowly being built up from standard theosophical texts and journals which we already possessed, augmented by generous donations from members. It is hoped that one day it will eventually take its place beside other famous theosophical libraries. At present it is used by occasional researchers—theosophical students, students writing theses, university lecturers and radio staff researching a programme. The work of putting the books into order for cataloguing is being done by volunteers.

Conclusion.—The total membership shows a decrease this year and although we cannot be satisfied with this, it should be noted that increased dues mean that lodges are ruthless in lapsing unfinancial members, some of whom rejoin soon afterwards! This reduction in membership is balanced by increasing vitality and the lively interest of some of the newer members. We may also expect to see new life flow from Perth Lodge's Mt. Helena Centre which is almost ready to open its gates for workshops and seminars, and from Cairns Lodge which finally has a permanent home.

Members of long standing give stability to the lodges, but we must look to the future by giving encouragement and responsibility to our younger members and by providing programmes which present fundamental theosophical ideas in a modern idiom. It is good to see lodges experimenting with different forms of presentation (seminars, workshops, residential weekends) in which all members are actively involved rather than passively listening.

Above all, in presenting the many facets of our teaching, I hope the underlying holistic nature of Theosophy will be stressed. Today forward-looking people are moving towards a holistic attitude towards life. Let it never be said that theosophists who have always prided themselves as being in the vanguard of new ideas, are lagging behind.

ELAINE MURDOCH,
General Secretary.

SWEDEN

Activities such as lectures, discussions and study groups are being arranged regularly in Stockholm, Gothenburg, Malmö and Örebro. The study groups have been working with meditation, modern psychology, the theosophical view of Life, *The Secret Doctrine* and Anna Kennedy Wenner's book *Basic Ideas of the Occult Wisdom*, which we are preparing for publication in Swedish.

In March Mr. Geoffrey Farthing made a tour of Scandinavia and talked over a number of subjects at public lectures in Stockholm, Uppsala, Örebro, Gothenburg and Malmö and at several meetings with members. In June Mrs. Radha Burnier gave two public lectures in Gothenburg and one in Stockholm together with a meeting for members at our headquarters there. Later in July she joined us as our Guest of Honour at our Summer School, south of Stockholm, where we worked in discussion groups on four selected chapters from *An Approach to the Occult* by Hugh Shearman. Several members participated also in the German and Danish Summer Schools.

Our bookshop at the headquarters, suitably located in Stockholm, keeps increasing its turnover. Managed voluntarily by members it is open four days a week. Together with our library it is a good channel of communication with the public.

In Sweden experiments are being made in a number of towns with short distance broadcasts by various organizations, churches, etc. In cooperation with an organization of "The New Spirituality", formed by members from a number of religious minority groups, radio programmes have been transmitted for central Stockholm about the activities of the Theosophical Society.

Our magazine *Teosofi i Norden* is being published four times a year in cooperation with the Norwegian section. In a magazine for members, also quarterly, we have started to publish translation of Geoffrey Farthing's *Theosophy—What's it all about?* with one chapter in each number.

GUNNAR LARSON,
General Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND

The honour is mine of presenting the Annual Report of the New Zealand Section of the Theosophical Society for the year ended 30 September 1979.

This year has been noteworthy, exciting and encouraging because of the coming together of modern scientific thought and discovery with that of the findings of the Ageless Wisdom.

We in New Zealand have capitalized on this trend and slanted our public lectures, films and articles towards this theme, for people are seeking a "Spiritual Science for today".

Lodges.—Lodge numbers stand unchanged at 17; most of these have been very active this year, officers and members working tirelessly in the cause of Theosophy.

Publicity.—*Theosophy in New Zealand* is still the most successful medium for bringing in new members. Following last year's successful drive, our newspaper and magazine display advertising this year has again featured a special introductory offer of a 12-month subscription for only one dollar. Regular newsletters and other helpful data have been distributed free to lodges.

Large numbers of the American leaflets have been imported and distributed again during the year. *A Yoga of Light* and *A Spiritual Science for Today* are in constant demand.

More lodges are making use of local commercial radio stations for free advertising of theosophical activities.

We were granted time on the first bi-monthly religious broadcast session "For the Faithful"; so our General Secretary spoke on 12th August over the National network.

A series of radio broadcast tapes by Geoffrey Hodson has been offered to

the Supervisor of Religious Studies, N.Z.B.C., Wellington, for possible use.

Films.—These have been found very useful in attracting the public to lectures. Two new films came to hand in January—"Psychics, Saints and Scientists" which was taken to most of the lodges by the National Lecturer, and "Meditation: An Inward Journey" taken round by the General Secretary. After our films have been seen by all the lodges, we lend them to interested Universities, Religious and Social Groups.

A new 16mm colour film, "Holistic Health: The New Medicine" has been ordered and should arrive in time for Convention.

Letters to New Members.—Monthly letters to new members during their first 18 months of membership in the Society continue to be despatched. During the year 2,961 letters have been mailed and we have received many appreciative oral and written thanks.

Visitors from Overseas.—We were privileged to welcome Miss Joy Mills, International Vice-President, on 20 December 1978. She chaired the Business Session of Convention and was Guest Lecturer. Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan, Chief Librarian of the Adyar Library, and Geoffrey Hodson, were also Guest Lecturers.

Theosophy in New Zealand.—This, our Section Periodical, has maintained its high standard under its capable editor, Mrs. Roma Dunningham. It attracts very favourable comments both from overseas and in New Zealand. Over 9,500 copies have been sent out this year.

Visiting Lecturers.—Both the National Lecturer and the General Secretary have lectured once at every lodge (except when a lodge was unable to arrange a

meeting). We are deeply grateful, too, to others who have travelled spreading the Ageless Wisdom—including Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wilson, Messrs. Geoffrey Hodson, Dudley Gower, Bill Johnstone, and Stuart Nicholls.

Section Library.—This has again been a valuable facet in our Theosophical activities, and many new books have been added to our library during the year. A large carton of books generously donated by members has been sent to the Philippine Section whose premises were burnt down.

Younger Theosophists.—The new periodical *Phoenix Rising* published by the International Theosophical Youth Centre at Adyar has found interested subscribers in our Section.

Some of the younger members organized a "Get Together" during Easter at New Plymouth. This was a successful effort, attracting seventeen from all over New Zealand.

Indo-Pacific Federation.—Owing to ill-health, Mr. Neill Edgar resigned from the Council and the Executive Committee of this Federation on 9 January 1979 and I have been appointed to both bodies.

Spotlight Campaign.—This activity is financed by Section in towns where theosophical lodges are not established. This year we are indebted to the following: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wilson (Blenheim, Greymouth), Mr. Gavin Laurie (Greymouth), the General Secretary (Tokoroa) and to H.P.B. Lodge (Kelston and Manurewa). In Greymouth a Theosophical Discussion Group has been formed under the leadership of Mr. John Bird, as a result of the campaign, and there are also plans for a drawing-room group for Manurewa.

Orewa Project.—The very fine Community Centre & Lodge Room dedicated

by Mr. John Coats in 1978 is proving a most convenient amenity to Iona Flats and Arundale Centre.

Theosophical Cassette Centre.—This is operated by Mr. Frank Wilson at 13 Balmain Road, Auckland 10. He is an expert in this field and we are most appreciative of his activity in this line of service. This year he sold 336 cassettes of Theosophical lectures and exchanged 62; he mailed 22 catalogues and sold 21 "Talking Books" and 13 cassettes of "A Yoga of Light". The last named is the most popular—the total sold is now 114. "A Yoga of Light" has now been recorded in French and sent to various sections in Europe for their use and distribution.

"Box Scheme" Study Courses.—Four Study Courses have been put together and are sent out in boxes, together with a selection of books for supplementary reading on the subjects dealt with in the particular course. One lodge has completed No. 1 course and is now on the second one; three other lodges are working through the other courses. This system is a great help to smaller lodges.

Membership.—As on 30th September 1979, membership of our Section stands at 1,595 representing a nett gain of 67 for the year. Statistics are as follows: New Admissions 207, Deaths 26, Re-admissions 6, Resignations 65, Transfers in 4, Lapsings 57, Transfers out 2.

Called to Higher Service.—Among those who have passed on during the year, we pay special tribute to: William Kenneth Nicholla, who died on 28th Dec. 1979, aged 96. He joined our Section on 31.8.1908. Daphne Vida Darroch joined 9.9.33, died 12.4.79; Bertha Hazel Darroch joined 13.10.21, died 29.4.79; Iris Lilly Turvey joined 13.8.15, died 18.8.79.

Financial.—Wise administration of properties bequeathed to our Section and of capital investments (mainly in Government stock and first mortgages) ensure an income which helps to carry out our numerous commitments and activities. Many generous donors contributed in all \$1,500 to the *Voluntary Fund* this year. In accordance with the resolution adopted at our last Convention, we investigated the needs of the Theosophical Society in the Indo-Pacific area. We circularised this to all members of the Executive Committee of our Section. As a result of their vote, we shall apply to the Reserve Bank for permission to transfer money to the Non-English Publications Fund at Wheaton, earmarked for use in the Indo-Pacific area. Miss Joy Mills as Vice-Chairman

of the Non-English Publications Fund Committee will supervise its wise expenditure on our behalf.

Appreciation.—Tribute is paid to the selfless dedication and efficient service of Section and Lodge Officers and members—all workers—who ensure that our Section “popularises a knowledge of Theosophy” as requested by the Inner Founders.

We go forward into 1980, a united and enthusiastic body, determined to serve the Masters by spreading the mighty truths of the Ageless Wisdom for the benefit of mankind, using the keynote “Theosophy—A Spiritual Science for Today”.

MAVIS J. HARDY,
General Secretary.

NETHERLANDS

At 30th September 1979 there were 24 lodges, 4 centres and 936 members as compared with 950 a year earlier.

The general meeting at Utrecht on 18th November 1978 concerned chiefly with the adoption of our statutes to the new Dutch law concerning societies. The new name of our Society is: Theosofische Vereniging in Nederland (TVN).

In a study-weekend, held at the International Theosophical Centre at Naarden (Besant Hall), Ronald Engelse and Daniel van Egmond spoke about re-incarnation and karma.

From 20-25 July 1979 we had a public summer school, also at Naarden (Besant Hall). The subject was: “Western mysticism and occultism”. There were lectures and workshops. The speakers and their subjects were: Jan Boerlage

“Occult Movements in the West”; Henk Dubbink “The Neo-Platonists”; Mary Heyboer-Barbas “The Christian mystic way”; Daniel van Egmond “The Esoteric tradition of the West”; Floris Rommerts “New Age-groups”.

We are glad to report that the members of the staff-group helped in the organization of the above-mentioned activities.

In our Publishing House and bookshop the departure of Co Post has to be mentioned. She did for many years a tremendous amount of work. We are grateful that Els Sonnega and Piet Luyke were willing to take the task of running the publishing house and the bookshop.

Reprinted in Dutch language were three books of our Lotos series: Geoffrey Hodson, *The Seven Human*

Temperaments; Evelyn Underhill, *Practical Mysticism* (for Normal People), Adelaide Gardner, *Meditation*.

Mrs. Van der Schoot-Groot looked after the administration of our Society in general, Mrs. Makkink at Deventer tackled the financial administration of the members.

The editorial staff of *Theosophia* bestowed great care on the publications in that journal.

Informations concerning our society are inserted in our *TVN-News*.

It is a pity the reorganization of the library of our society at Amsterdam is not yet finished. We hope the library can be reopened in the beginning of 1980.

AREND HEYBROEK,
General Secretary.

FRANCE

There was a slight overall reduction in membership, which now stands at 1,391. Four lodges which were in abeyance, some of them for quite a number of years, have been dissolved. The number of active lodges is now 32.

A full programme of activities was maintained during the year at Headquarters in Paris, and in other great cities in the country. The Young Theosophists, besides their fortnightly meetings in Paris, met for long weekend study classes several times in France, Spain and Italy.

Mrs. Radha Burnier was the Guest of Honour at the annual convention in May. This year, it was the French Section's turn to organize the Pays Latin Annual Summer School. It did well at Imbours (near Montelimar) with Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith, Chairman, European Federation, as the Guest of Honour; Mr. Lancri, for whom it was the last European meeting, received Mrs. Betsan Coats and many members from France, Spain, Switzerland and Belgium.

The monthly magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* continues to spread Theosophy to members and subscribers alike, in France,

Switzerland and Belgium—only for the French speaking members in the last two countries; it has a circulation of 1,800 copies.

The Publishing House, Les Editions Adyar, released seven reprints this year, among which we can single out *The Letters of the Masters of the Wisdom*, vol. I, compiled by C. Jinarajadasa; and *The Secret Doctrine and Madame Blavatsky* by Constance Wachtmeister. Other books are rather centred on Theosophical tenets in the full meaning of the word, such as *Life Ahead* by Krishnamurti; *The Tibetan Book of the Great Liberation*, compiled by Evans-Wentz; *l'Occultisme du Zodiaque* (Occultism in the Zodiac) by Mme. Mertens-Stienon, etc.

At the Festival of Marjolaine—a yearly exhibition of dietary products and allied organization—an attractive stand shared with Les Editions Adyar, and the Youth Lodge brought visitors and enquiries.

Last, but not least, the major event was Mr. Lancri's resignation. As the Vice-President, and duly confirmed by the Council of the Section, Mrs. Francoise Caracostea took over for about a period of six months till a ballot is taken throughout the membership of the

Section next April for election of a new General Secretary for a term of three years. Mr. Salomon Lancri, who has served as General Secretary since August 1971, asked to be relieved from that office on September 19th, 1979, on health grounds. Mr. Lancri's great competence and general ability will leave their mark on the French Section. In the lecturing field, his contribution to the dissemination of Theosophy from a

background of study and wide reading both in the Kabbalah and Madame Blavatsky's works was great and many faceted. He will be greatly missed but we hope the Section may be able to rely on his learning in time to come when the condition of his health is better.

FRANCOISE CARACOSTEA,
General Secretary.

ITALY

The year under review shows an increase of Groups, membership and work. During the year two new Groups have been established: one at Aosta and second at Trapani. Now there are in our Section 27 Groups and 4 Study Centres. One Group has been transformed to a Centre for lack of membership.

The membership increased by 18 with reference to last year, but we had 90 new additions, 5 died and 67 lapsed. Every year there are a number of lapsing members, who after some time ask to renew their membership. This is the case generally with the members "at large" who do not have a contact with groups, and so not having clear information about T.S. and its work and meaning.

The sectional review *Rivista Italiana di Teosofia* was issued regularly every month and has now 750 subscribers among whom many are non-members. Our review is exchanged also with some Catholic papers.

The 65th annual convention took place at Riccione (near Bologna) with 120 participants. The theme was "Reincarnation in Christianity" and "Our

duty", which were published and appreciated by the local papers and Radio. During the Convention two films on Adyar and holy places of India, Nepal, Burma and Siam, were shown by our members who visited them in December last.

The work of the Groups and Centres was regular all year long and were particularly active at Geneva, Milano, Palermo, Torino and Trieste.

During the year were published: the 10th edition of *The Voice of the Silence*, the second edition of Besant's *A Study in Consciousness* and the third edition of C.W.L.'s *Chakras*. Our Section is going to prepare a new revised and complete edition of H.P.B.'s *The Secret Doctrine*. A member, professor of English language, is checking the obsolete Italian edition, out of print for many years and limited only to the two original volumes (4 volumes in Italian).

In spite of increasing costs and expenses our finances are sound and some other legacies have been willed to the Section, but we are still awaiting the government decree of incorporation in

order to be able to inherit the real estates willed.

During the year the General Secretary lectured in the following cities: San Remo, Genova, Milano, Venice, Belluno,

Gorizia (at the Theological Seminary) and Trieste.

EDUARDO BRATINA,
General Secretary.

GERMANY

The first lodge in Germany, named Germania, was founded on 23rd July 1884. It was before the beginning of the German Section in 1902, and this year is its jubilee of 95 years. The foundation took place at Elberfeld in the house of Mr. and Mrs. Gebhard by Dr. Hubbe-Schleiden. Col. Olcott and Mme. Blavatsky participated in this event while travelling through Europe. Dr. Hubbe-Schleiden became the General Secretary of the Section in 1913.

During last year the members were regularly informed in detail by four reports about the international events of the Society and the special affairs of the Section. Concerning our work we have had good activity. Eight members visited lodges and groups and gave twenty lectures on about fourteen different themes. Besides this we enjoyed listening to the Norwegian guest speaker, Arne Hansen from Oslo, at five lodges. The General Secretary gave an introductory course at Bremen and gave lectures in several lodges and groups and also in Austria and Denmark. At Hamburg, Mrs. Anneliese Stephen had good success with a study course on the *Tao Te King* and a seminar on "How to study *The Secret Doctrine*?" Arundale Centenary was celebrated at a special commemoration meeting at Dortmund with lectures by Prof. Dr. Meyer-Dohm and Siegfried Kuska. Study weekends had been held

as usual in northern and southern places. There was always a great stimulus for the work. For the second meeting in the north we have found a very charming place at Falkenburg near Bremen.

The most important event of this year was the Summer School, held at the same beautiful place as the year before (St. Martin a.d. Weinstrasse) from 26 July to 2 August 1979. Included were the meetings of the European Council and of the Executive Committee, which brought international guest speakers and participants for the Summer School. Twelve Sections were represented, among them particularly were many members from Scandinavia. Besides this, we had been able to invite four German friends from behind the 'Iron Curtain'. We were specially happy to have had Mrs. Radha Burnier as our guest of honour in our midst and to listen to her inspiring lectures. The theme of the Summer-School was 'Our True Goal'. Much stress was laid on four study groups, one of these was held in English by Miss Ianthe Hoskins. The number of participants of the Summer-School varied from 110 to 120.

Our membership increased from 289 to 296, 18 new members joined, old members died, some left the Section. At Cologne, the first theosophical refugees of Vietnam contacted us.

GERDA HÖFER,
General Secretary.

CUBA

Administrative Activities of the Section: National Presidency.—During this period the Presidency stood the same as elected for the period, 1977 to 1979: Bro. Juan Bautista Rodríguez Oliva, National President; Bro. Dana Cruz-Bustillo Artigas, National Vice-President.

This year, according to the bylaws of the Section, elections will be held for President and Vice-President of the Section.

National Convention and Board of Directors.—The 74th National Convention held its meetings on January 19, 20 and 21, 1979, at the Section's premises in Havana. The programme was centred on Science.

The lectures at the Convention meetings were as follows: "Science in The Light of *The Secret Doctrine*", by Sister Carmen Segón Pozos. A symposium: "Riddles of the Universe in the Light of Theosophy", presented by a Panel; Sister María de los Angeles Reyes Figueroa: "The Lost Continents"; Bro. Gaspar Torres Martínez: "Life in other Worlds"; and Sister María del Refugio Segón Pozos: "Energy, Life and Mind in the Cosmos and in Man"; Sister Dr. Lelia Fernández Pagola acted as moderator of the symposium.

Three Essential points for Self-Realization.—presented by: Intellectual Base: *Self-Culture* by Dr. Lelia Fernández Pagola. Devotional Base: *Gayatri* by Dr. Eneida Irarragorri Vázquez. Practical Base: *The Science of Yoga* by Dr. Dana Cruz-Bustillo Artigas.

The Administrative Session of the Convention took place according to the rules of the Section and the programme. The National President appointed for the year 1979: Bro. Dr. Luis M. Coloma Delgado, National Sec-

retary (Lawyer); Bro. Dr. Alberto Alonso Navarrete, National Assistant Secretary (Lawyer); Bro. José Callo Ramírez, Recording Secretary; Bro. Dr. Dana Cruz-Bustillo Artigas, Assistant Editor of *Revista Teosofica Cubana*; Sister Dr. Lelia Fernández Pagola, Manager of *Revista Teosofica Cubana*.

The Board of Directors appointed for one year: Bro. Alfredo Cabrera Martínez—Treasurer; Bro. Ramiro Blanco Calás—Vice-President, Sister Dr. Lelia Fernández Pagola—Librarian, Bro. Alfredo Puig Figueroa—Auditor.

Theosophical Festivities.—Founders Day—November 17, 1978; Adyar Day—February 17, 1979; White Lotus Day—May 8; The Wesak Full Moon—May 11; Asala Full Moon—July 9; these days were suitably celebrated.

Joint Meetings of Members.—These activities are celebrated regularly in different Lodges by rotation. The joint meetings of members have been distinguished by the peculiar qualities of the subjects and of the lecturers, as well as for the spirit of unity and fraternity.

Special Sessions.—Took place during the year, in remembrance of Bros. N. Sri Ram and I. K. Taimni, on the anniversary of their disincarnations.

Lodge Activities.—*Atma Lodge.* Has two aspects, devotional and of formal character, with the study of *Sadhana* and *Rudiments of Theosophy*.

Annie Besant Lodge. Changes its programme monthly. The following subjects were presented: "Consciousness as Vibration", "The Creative Power of Consciousness", "Consciousness as Unity", "Consciousness Limits Itself", "Psychology and Theosophy", "What is Rhythmology", "Meaning of the Term Physical Consciousness", "Present

Relation Between Vigil and Physical Consciousness", "Difference Between Perception and Answer in Consciousness", "Need of a Development before the First Wave of Life Takes Place", "Karma", "Reincarnation", "The Law of Sacrifice", "The Ascension of Man", "The Path of Discipleship", "The Power of Thought", and "The Mental Body".

Kut-Humi Lodge. A course of lectures on "Self-Culture", based on the book of that name by Dr. I. K. Taimni, and Bro. Dr. Dana Cruz-Bustillo Artigas as lecturer. The study was on: "The Functions of the Lower Mental Body", "The Control, Purification and Culture of the Lower Mind", "The Functions of the Causal Body", "The Development of the Higher Mind", "The Role of Buddhi in Our Life", "The Development of Buddhi", "Intellect and Intuition", "The Role of Atma in Our Life", "The Development of Spiritual Will power", "Self-Discovery—The Unreal World We live in", "Self-Discovery—The Real World Waiting for us", and "The Stages of Knowledge, Wisdom and Realization".

Heracles Lodge. Continues to develop a systematic course of Theosophical Knowledge. It has studied "The Ray of the Ego", "The Expression of Consciousness", "The Seven Types of Ray", "The Laws of the Higher Life". Starting in September it has considered "The Ray of the Personality". Lecturers were: Sister Dr. Lelia Fernández Pagola and Bro. Juan Bautista Rodríguez Oliva. It is dedicated to "Directed Study", with commentaries from the group members. The subject of study was "A Study Over Consciousness", based on the book of Dr. Besant. At present "Commentaries on *At The Feet of the Master*" is being studied. The

Director of Studies: Sister Dr. Lelia Fernández Pagola.

Lealtad Lodge. Has developed the following programme: "The Great Initiates" with Bro. Dr. Danilo Bernot Ramírez as lecturer. In the second part of the session Bro. Lic. Eduardo Carbonell de Zayas developed a course on "Theosophical talks on Krishnamurti and I. K. Taimni."

Mahachohan Lodge. Started with a course on *The Science of Yoga*. And in a second part of the session different aspects of "The Great Science of The Egyptians".

Devenir Lodge. Studied "Taoism", "Hinduism", "The Egyptian Cult" and "Buddhism". Lecturers were: Sisters María de los Angeles Reyes Figueroa, Edilia Figueroa and Concepción Rodríguez, and Bro. Eduardo Pimentel Vázquez. Later its programme was on "Zen Buddhism", "Practical Occultism", and "The Seven Rays". Invited lecturers from other lodges talked on "Freemasonry in Its Aspects: Genesis, Development, Evolution and Inner Life", "Meditations", "Mysticism and Hierarchy", "The Path of Perfection", "Science in the Light of Theosophy", "Art and Theosophy", "How to Eliminate the Negative Factors of The Personality", "Panorama of The Philosophy of Today".

Marie Poutz Lodge. This Lodge is developing a systematic study on *Isis Unveiled* of H. P. Blavatsky, with Bro. Juan Bautista Rodríguez Oliva as lecturer. The second part of the session is programmed with "Occultist Narrations".

* Sis. Evangelina Arboláez lectured on *Reminiscences of H.P. Blavatsky* by Countess Wachtmeister; followed by Sis. Manuelita Fundora on "Theosophical Messages".

A course of lectures on "The Occult Side of *The Divine Comedy* of Dante" was given by Sister Dr. Lelia Fernandez Pagola.

Lodges and Members.—This period ended with 19 active Lodges, the same as the year before. The number of members has increased from 556 to 565 in September 1979. The increase considering the last Report is as follows: New Members 31, decreased 22.

Theosophical Publications.—*Revista Teosofica Cubana*, official organ of the Cuban Section, continues to be published regularly on a quarterly basis to include translations of the works of Dr. Taimni—*Self-Culture*, *The Secret of Self Realization* and *Gayatri* by Dr. Dana Cruz-Bustillo.

The Section's Economy.—National Bank regulations do not allow the ex-

port of dollars, and as in previous years it has not been possible for us to comply with our financial obligations to Adyar. Nevertheless reserves have been made according to the Rules and Regulations of The Theosophical Society.

We are really sorry that we have not been able to work better serving the Masters; however, our effort has been full of enthusiasm for sincere theosophical ideas. Our projection has had a goal: "Service".

Impersonal service is to be vivified through common action. Our collective work has been full of impersonal inspiration, represented by the principles valued by every Lodge.

"By The Work of The Masters"

Dr. Leila Fernandez Pagola,
General Secretary.

FINLAND

In June 1979 the Finnish Section enjoyed the visit of Mrs. Radha Burnier in Helsinki and the Summer School at Kreivila. International contacts were cultivated also by four members attending the International Week at the Theosophical Centre in Holland, Naarden, and by some members who went to the Swedish Summer School in Sweden. A collection in 1979 for the benefit of the International Theosophical Society, Adyar, brought mk. 4150.

A new lodge was formed in Hyving kää, but two lodges were dissolved (in Helsinki and in Jyväskylä). And several lodges are inactive. The membership stands at 497.

Publications.—Two new books have been published: *Raja Yoga* by W. Sla-

ter and *The Secret of Self-Realization* by I. K. Taimni. *Blavatsky lodge (Elonpyörä)* has published two books and *Kalevala lodge* has reprinted *The Ageless Wisdom of Life* by C. Codd. The magazine *Teosofi* comes out in ten issues a year and *Elonpyörä* in two issues a year.

Regular Sunday lectures—not during summer months—at the Headquarters have been well attended and appreciated. Public lectures have been arranged in eight other towns.

Kreivila summer home has been the forum of many summer season happenings, Summer School, etc. as well as courses of many other societies.

SIRKKA KIVILINNA,
General Secretary.

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Our membership has again shown a decrease. Although the public is interested in the teachings that are given they do not join, perhaps because these teachings are now more readily available to everyone. The seeds are sown and now the right environment is necessary to let it grow.

In Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, Bulawayo Lodge is still active but Salisbury Lodge is very quiet because travelling at night is dangerous. Their very expensive fuel is used for the absolute necessities.

In South Africa there is in every Lodge a nucleus of loyal workers. When we visited the Lodges during November 1978, a 1250 k.m. drive, travelling through beautiful country, we found those members very enthusiastic.

Before Easter we had hoped that Mr. John Coats would be here to hand the Charter to *Taimni* Lodge in Pretoria, but due to reasons of ill-health he was unable to be in time. I, therefore, had the great pleasure and honour to hand the Charter to *Taimni* Lodge, and it was a beautiful and impressive evening.

This year our Convention was held at Port Elizabeth, a coastal city. It was a great success and many interesting studies and discussions led to much enthusiasm.

We had the pleasure to give Honorary Life Membership to three members of long standing years, who gave much of their time and service to the Society. They are: Miss M. M. Cillie of Pretoria Lodge, Mrs. L. M. Membrey of Durban Lodge and Mrs. Jose Quin of Port Elizabeth. Later we did have the pleasure of having our International President with us for a few days. Still recovering, then, from hepatitis he had to take life easy and we did not make any demand of him.

We are thankful that we may meet the coming year of service with goodwill, mutual trust and joyous expectancy and with faith in the Great Ones who give Their blessings on all our work and may we be worthy of the responsibility that rests on all of us.

ANNA M. G. BISCHOFF,
General Secretary.

SCOTLAND

Aberdeen Lodge had a fairly slim year, six meetings only being held, to an average of 6-8 people. This was because the lodge president and general organizer was still catching up on work shelved during his period of study.

Dunfermline too was running on a tick-over basis, the long winter making travel for meetings quite difficult. Jenny Wells passed on, on March 6th, leaving only three members to carry on

the work.

Edinburgh Lodge had a wide variety of activities: The Sunday public meetings were held throughout the year with a certain amount of probing as to what the public wanted. Well-attended outings took place, e.g. a visit to an old Christian site; a sea trip to the Bass Rock to see a small chapel; St. Ninian's cave was visited. Combined meetings were held:

(a) With the Institute of Anthropology, in which the T. S. arranged and gave four lectures in an one-day seminar.

(b) With the Department of Psychology in Edinburgh University on dowsing. A further meeting has been arranged with Durham University. A travelling exhibition of Kirlian photography has been made up and presently on display in Morningside library. It will be displayed in other libraries later. The first copy of the *Scottish Theosophical Review* has been produced, and will be our window on the rest of the world; it will be produced 3-4 times per year and circulated to our unattached members.

Links have been made with the South African section, and some of their ideas on how to get Theosophy across are very similar to ours. A valuable series of meetings for members only have taken place on Thursday evenings. Links have been formed, through Catherine Ramond, with the European Unite group of young Theosophists.

Glasgow Lodge has also been busy last session. Members spent a fair amount of time renovating the premises, and they now have a very fresh, light appearance—the whole atmosphere appears to be uplifted. Sunday evening meetings have continued and have led to new members joining.

Miss Hoskins was up for a week giving talks to the public. Jeanine Miller, who was a Convention guest a few

years ago, was in Glasgow for two days. Dr. Upadhyaya was also giving lectures to the public on *The Ancient Wisdom*, the *Gita*, and *The Voice of the Silence*, attracting an audience of 30. A Saturday afternoon class has been started. The first book studied was the English Section's Beginner's Course, and the work continues with "An introduction to Esoteric Principles". The library is now open three times a week. A meditation and yoga group has been started.

A total attendance at the public lecture of over 600 was registered in the session.

The net result of this activity is that the lodge is being used four times per week, a distinct improvement on the recent past.

It is to be noted that Mrs. Lillian Mushet passed away in May 1979; she will be missed by those of her friends still in the Earth plane.

Carnoustie Centre did not have a lot to report. Being in a town of considerably smaller population than the three main lodges it was difficult to sustain a permanent study group. Alan Senior, however, has been working on a super-8 film project, a study of the painter and mystic, Roerich.

On the whole, there was a curious balance of forging ahead on the part of the two bigger lodges, and a holding operation by the three smaller units.

JAMES G. MITCHELL,
General Secretary.

SWITZERLAND

In the year under report, The Theosophical Society in Switzerland has admitted 16 new members, 10 members have resigned and 5 died. This leaves the number of members at 214. The

number of lodges are as follows: Geneva 3, Lausanne 1, Caux-De-Fonde 1, Basle 2 and Zurich 1. The Geneva lodges together take care of the weekly public lectures. They also take care of the

Headquarters. The two Basle lodges do the same in their area. Both groups have public libraries and retail books in French, German and English. All public lectures are recorded on tapes and sold to the public. A small study centre has been created near Geneva.

Three weekend seminars have been organized. The themes were Education, Dharma, Karma, Reincarnation and Raja Yoga. The last seminar was led by Mrs. Radha Burnier. She also gave public lectures at Geneva and Basle.

A group of 25 members travelled to India and Nepal, and attended the Inter-

national Convention at Varanasi, later spending one week at Adyar.

A number of our members participated in the German Summer School at St. Martin, Germany, the German regional Summer School at Pichl, Austria, and the Latin Summer School Montelimar, France.

We have created two small foundations for the publication of leaflets, brochures in French and German.

There is quite a satisfactory mixture of age groups from 28 upward in our Section.

RICCO STRIEFF,
General Secretary.

BELGIUM

The activities of the Belgium section has a climate of harmony and inter-relationship made easy by the small dimensions of the country.

The two Flemish speaking branches at Antwerp, and the French speaking branch at Liege have about 40 members each.

The various branches in Brussels have devoted themselves to the following studies:

Study in *The Secret Doctrine*, Teachings of Krishnamurti, Spiritual Astrology, *Yoga Sutras* of Patanjali, Esoteric-Healing with healing ceremonies.

Three small groups studied the teachings of Annie Besant: *Death and After*, *Reincarnation*, *Karma*, and *The Ancient Wisdom*. The second group studied "World campaign For Compassion and Understanding", the theme "To Live In Harmony With Nature". The third group studied "Together Toward Happiness".

There were weekly public meetings to attract the public to our concepts. The Theosophical Order of Service has laudably continued its activities under various aspects of the work.

The state of our finances has been maintained very satisfactorily. It allowed the undertaking of indispensable restoration work in our premises. Direct help to Adyar was given, and the Olcott School was not neglected.

The library and bookshop had a very successful year.

Membership.—The number of members in good standing shows a small regression. We had 21 admissions, 6 reinstatements, 25 names dropped for nonpayment of dues, 3 deaths and 1 resignation. Total members 229 as compared to 231 last year.

CHARLES LALLEMAND,
General Secretary.

INDONESIA

Annual Convention.—This year's (1979) Convention of Perwathin was held in Surabaya (East Java) from May 24th up to and including 26th. About 187 members and sympathizers attended the opening ceremony among whom were the Acting Governor of East Java and the Vice-Mayor of the City of Surabaya as guests of honour. Also representatives of the other local Government Officials, the press, radio and TV were present. The theme of the Convention was: "The Development of the Brotherhood Consciousness." Taking part in the Convention were delegates from 18 of the total 22 Lodges spread throughout Indonesia. Those Lodges not present were: *Bali Agung* Lodge and *Brahma Vidya* Lodge (both of Bali), *Vidyahari* Lodge of Cirebon (West Java), and *Wishnumurti* Lodge of South Jakarta. The important resolutions adopted were:

1. Mr. R. S. Soejatno re-elected National President of Perwathin
2. To found a Publishing House of Theosophical Books and Publications.
3. The next Convention will be held in Jakarta in 1980.

Visit of the International Vice-President to Indonesia.—We have had the honour of having in our midst the International Vice-President of The Theosophical Society, Miss Joy Mills, early in September, i.e. from the 9th to 16th. The Lodges visited were: *Kreshna*, Jakarta; *Penerangan*, Surabaya (East Java); *Sala*, Solo (Central Java); and *Dharma* Lodge in Yogyakarta (Central Java). A public lecture was given in Jakarta at the Gandhi Memorial School, whose Director, Mr. V. Ram (non-member), was kind enough to allow us to use the school's auditorium and equipment free of charge. Mr. Ram

has offered us several times the use of the auditorium for other meetings. The lecture entitled: "The World Awaits a New Humanity", was also given in the other places. Discussions and "Questions and Answers" were also held at each of the above-mentioned Lodges. Trips were made to Junggo near Malang (East Java) where Brother van Thiel had a Church and Meditation Centre before the war, to the temples of Borobudur, Mendut and Parmbanan (all in Central Java) and to the world famous Botanical Gardens at Bogor (West Java). In Yogyakarta and other places the Vice-President had talks with university students who showed great interest in Theosophy.

Activities of Youth Section, "Penerangan" Lodge, Surabaya.—The Youth Section of the *Penerangan* Lodge in Surabaya is one of the most active Youth Sections of The Theosophical Society in Indonesia. It has just chosen its new officers for the 1979-1980 period. Its former President, Mr. Tjandra Murti Tunggal (who is a disciple of J. Krishnamurti), has for the first time given a lecture at the latest Annual Convention of Perwathin entitled: "The Part to be played by the Younger Generation in developing the Universal Brotherhood Consciousness Based on Hidden Love". The present President is Dr. Tommy Soedarto.

Books Translated into Indonesian.—Some new books have been translated into the Indonesian language, so that at present the entire list includes: *The Key to Theosophy*—H. P. Blavatsky, *Meditation*—Adelaide Gardner, *Hatha Yoga*—Wallace Slater, *Vegetarianism and Occultism*—C. W. Leadbeater, *The Occult History of Java*—C. W. Leadbeater,

Man, Visible and Invisible—C. W. Leadbeater, *Creating Character*—Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater, *The Voice of the Silence*—H. P. Blavatsky.

Publishing House.—Contacts have been made with the sponsoring Lodges, i.e. the *Penerangan* and *Medan* Lodges.

Final agreement is still not reached with regard to some clauses to be inserted in the Act. We are also looking for further sponsors and more funds.

R. S. SOEJATNO,
General Secretary.

BURMA

During the year the number of active lodges remained the same. There was a slight decrease in Olcott Lodge. There were 17 admissions, 19 lapses and 3 resignations.

Lodges.—The Burma Section consists of the following Lodges:

1. Olcott Lodge, Rangoon. 2. Youth Lodge, Rangoon. 3. Lotus Lodge, Mandalay. 4. Blavatsky Lodge, Maymyo. 5. Magwe Centre, Magwe. 6. Kyaukpyu Centre, Kyaukpyu.

Activities.—Olcott Lodge in Rangoon continues to be the backbone of the Burma Section. Members form a very closely knit brotherhood representing various religions and races. This year under the able leadership of the President, Dr. Daw Win Kyi, assisted by the Hony. Secretary, U Soe Tint Aung, and Hony. Librarian, U Tin Hlaing, the lodge kept up its usual vigour with Saturday afternoon lectures by prominent writers and religious leaders of the area. These were followed by goodwill meditation sessions. These meditation sessions were started in 1975 for spreading goodwill and love to all mankind.

A business meeting of the executive committee was held on the first Sunday of each month, and the remaining Sundays were devoted to talks and discussions on Theosophical subjects. On all Sundays special classes were held in the

afternoon for those interested in Mahayana Buddhism, Evolution, Reincarnation and other theosophically related subjects. Special celebrations were held on Wesak and Asala days, also on Annie Besant's birthday, Founder's day, Christ mas and all special Theosophical days.

Members of the Youth Lodge take active part in the Theosophical Order of Service, re-arrangements of books in the library and other work connected with the Lodge.

Due to communication difficulties from the other lodges, no reports of their activities have been received.

66th Annual Convention.—The 66th Annual Convention was held on Sunday, 29th October 1979 at the Section's Headquarters. It was well attended by members, their families and well wishers. The Convention was presided over by Bro. Dr. Daw Win Kyi, who delivered the opening address.

Finance.—A net surplus of Kyats 198/85 is shown by the audited report of receipts and payments for the year, as against a surplus of Kyats 1048/13 in the preceeding year.

In the name of the Theosophical Order of Service, Kyats 77.25 was donated to the Roman Catholic Mission for the aged and poor. We also had regular healing groups to send out loving kindness to the world.

We conferred honorary membership to one of the oldest members in our Section, Bro. U Kyaw Sein, in sincere appreciation for his many years of devoted service to the theosophical cause.

The Book Depot was restricted in their activities this year due to strict import regulations. We were unable to import any new books. Some of Madame Blavatsky's books have been translated into Burmese by Bro. U Tin Hlaing and distributed to most of the members.

We hear from our advocate that the case for the recovery of title on the Thingangyun land holding #26 has been adjudicated in our favour. We understand

that the unlawful occupier is going to submit an appeal against the order, and so we are unable to take action to this day, to take possession of the land.

Conclusion.—We are now in the midst of very difficult conditions all over the world. So let us try our best to help each other in our small way and do our best to attract the right type of young people to the theosophical teachings, so that the Masters of the Wisdom who watch over us may bless us and help us spread the message of Universal Brotherhood to humanity.

MAUNG GYL,
General Secretary.

AUSTRIA

Work of the Austrian Section went on this year more or less on the usual scale, though in the larger branch at Graz further experiments are on the way. A circular sent to all the members by the president of the Graz branch, Mr. Johann Nickl, about new programmes was answered by 47 of the members. This is almost half of the membership in Graz, which shows considerable interest in that area.

Membership of the Section increased by 8 this year, making a total of 247 members. Our Adyar-Verlag has published 3 new titles this year: *Thought Power, In the Outer Court* and the second volume of the chronological and commented German version of *The Mahatma Letters*.

An outstanding feature of the year was a visit to the Section of Radha Burnier who gave a well attended public lecture at Vienna. She gave 2 lectures and 2 questions and answer meetings at Graz. It was a time of deep inspiration for all.

As this will be my last report as General Secretary, I wish to give a short history

of this Section. I have been in this office continuously since 1958, with the exception of the years 1961-64. After those 21 years of service I will not stand again for election.

The Austrian Section was founded in 1912 by Mr. John Cordes, a German native, then a resident of India. He was sent to the Section by Dr. Annie Besant to see what could be done to help the middle European members after the secession of Mr. Rudolph Steiner from the Society. Shortly after this the first world war started and the work could not be initiated until it was over. During the 1920's, Vienna evolved to a very vital centre of Theosophy. Mr. Cordes was also active in spreading Theosophy to Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Rumania. After Mr. Cordes tenure of office, Mr. Fritz Schleifer assumed the office as a very dynamic leader. The lodges at that time were concentrated in Vienna with only a few small groups outside the city. In 1938, before the occupation of Austria by National Socialist Germany, the Austrian

Section had 350 members. The occupation was a great setback to the theosophical work, but after the war its properties and library were restored. A large portion of the membership were Jews and most of them were killed or dispersed from the country. When it was possible to resume activities there were about 100 members left. It was still very difficult to work in Vienna, since the city was divided into 4 sections. The English zone was the only one we could work in without difficulties. At Graz it was possible to start with a journal in 1946. In 1947 publishing was started and a permanent lecture hall was rented. In 1948 the Section had 289 members. From that time onwards the work in Vienna began to decline. At the close of the present year there are only 82 members in Vienna. This seems to indicate that the cities with smaller population have better communication

than the members in the large cities. The centre of activities has slowly shifted from Vienna to Graz.

Since 1947 our Adyar-Verlag has published 26 translations of English books, 12 German originals and several reprints of those titles. We have printed 112,000 *Voice of the Silence* and *At the Feet of the Master*. With these publications we could not only help the T.S. work in Austria, but also in Germany and the German part of Switzerland.

We feel that the future development of the T.S. has a very bright outlook in Austria. The teachings are being spread throughout Austria rather than concentrated in one area. The crisis in the work at Vienna will need some adjustment, but with the help of the new secretary and the long standing members in Vienna a real change can be made.

DR. NORBERT LAUPPERT,
General Secretary.

NORWAY

The Norwegian Section has during the year 1978-79 continued the work within the frame and along the lines of the previous years. We have had three guest speakers from abroad in this period whose lectures and presence were greatly stimulating. The Swedish General Secretary, Mr. Gunner Larson, visited Oslo, in October 1978. He gave an interesting lecture at our headquarters, and showed a film about the theosophical movement and the work at Adyar. He also led a discussion meeting with questions and answers. In March, Mr. Geoffrey Farthing came from England. He gave lectures at the Bergen Lodge, Oslo, and at headquarters he gave informal talks to the members. All of his tour of

our Section was greatly appreciated. Mr. Heiz Kilian from the German Section visited Oslo in May. Further, open meetings were held at the headquarters in Oslo regularly with lectures by Mrs. Ruth Wessel Nielsen, Miss Tordis Bache-Wiig and Mr. Arne Hansen. Adyar Day and White Lotus Day were celebrated with lectures by the General Secretary.

Our library has been less frequented, but the sale of theosophical books has gone up considerably.

The activity of all the lodges has been invigorated, particularly in Trondheim, where a young couple, Agnes and Soren Ibsen have started a new study group.

HILDA FRASER,
General Secretary.

CANADA

Although the annual report to the members is largely a summary of what has been done in the past year, it should reflect the degree to which the Society succeeded in living up to its objects. In this regard the conclusions can only be a matter of individual judgement, but from most points of view, the year 1978-79 will be considered as one of achievement for the T.S. in Canada.

One of the most significant happenings of the year was at the 1978 annual meeting in Vancouver. Those present agreed to the request of the majority of the members of Hermes and North Vancouver Lodges to transfer their Lodge and individual memberships to the jurisdiction of The Theosophical Society in Canada. They were thereupon forthwith welcomed into the Canadian Section. Arrangements leading up to the transfer was conducted with dignity, and warmth generated by this affiliation reflected the ideal of Universal Brotherhood in action. This new bond of unity should be cause of gratification throughout the theosophical world, because it demonstrates providing a common meeting ground for all persons of goodwill who subscribe to theosophical principles.

The annual meeting was followed by an informal gathering of members with Dr. Jean Raymond, International Secretary of the Theosophical Society, as our honored guest. She spoke to us on the work of the Society and the day to day activities at Adyar, and the role of the Society in relation to Theosophy. It was most gratifying to have Dr. Raymond as our guest at this auspicious occasion. Before leaving Canada, Dr. Jean Raymond visited Toronto and Montreal and met with members in both centres.

Mr. Gordon Plummer did a two months

lecture tour of Canada in September and October, 1978. There were very few days in this period that he was not energetically engaged in theosophical activities, either conducting study groups or lecturing. Accompanied by his wife, Esther, he visited Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, and alone to Edmonton, Toronto, Oakville, Hamilton, Peterborough and Montreal. This was greatly appreciated by all the Canadian lodges.

The T.S. in Canada has sent a new Canadian flag to Adyar for use on occasions when flags of all nations are flown. The flag was a gift of a former member now living in the U.S.A.

The publication of the *Canadian Theosophist* continues to be the principal activity of the T.S. in Canada. The March-April issue, 1979, was the 60th annual volume, which is an important milestone, and at a time which we should remember with gratitude the efforts of its first editor, Albert E. S. Smythe, who upheld these principles during exceedingly difficult years. The magazine's circulation is up slightly this year, and its contents appear to appeal to the majority of readers.

The Canadian Section has a new Home Study Course that was started this past year. It is being conducted independently by a member in Victoria, British Columbia. It is hoped that this service will fill a gap for new members, others interested in theosophy and those isolated in various centres.

This report does not cover activity that takes place in a number of Canadian centres where there are lodges. It is through them that theosophy and The Theosophical Society have their exposure to the public, and we are fortunate to have so many dedicated workers who spend

much of their time teaching these principles.

Economic conditions and other factors have reduced the number of opportunities for the General Secretary to combine T.S. activities with business travel. How-

ever, in the last year brief contacts were possible in Toronto, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria.

TED G. DAVY,
General Secretary.

ARGENTINA

The activities of the Section are lodge meetings, inter-lodges meetings, public functions and administrative activities. The lodge meetings are weekly and their activities encompass different studies and topics using different approaches and methods. Some lodges invite members from others to participate in their studies in both public and lodge meetings. The public functions are usually held at different centres of the Theosophical Society of which there are seven spread throughout the different provinces of the country. Sometimes for large audiences public lecture halls are rented by the local lodge. To compliment these public activities lecturers and members travel to different centres in groups, sometimes weekly. This was the case of a mini-course on theosophy which the Buenos Aires Youth Group gave at the Mar del Plata Centre. In the last four months some 15 members have travelled to different places and helped the lodges in their local groups. 35 public meetings have been held in this way in the past year. In September a new group of 7 members was formed at Villa Carlos Paz, Cordoba, and they named their group the Shanti group.

We would like to mention, specially, the visits Mr. J. B. S. Coats and his wife Mrs. Betsan Coats made to different centres of the Section. They gave public and private lectures in Mar del Plata, Bahia Blanca, Mendoza, San Rafael, Rio Cuarto, Rosario and Buenos Aires.

The By-Laws and Rules of our section are being revised so that it will permit a better and more effective distribution of administrative functions.

The seventeenth summer school took place from March 24 to 31 in Villa Carlos Paz, Cordoba, and we had delegates from our country and other countries. There were 140 persons represented. The special guest of honor was our International President Mr. J. B. S. Coats and Mrs. Betsan Coats. The topic for summer school was, "A Special opportunity: The Path" which was divided into four parts for group discussion. They were: "What is the Path", "Normal and Accelerated Evolution", "Occult Hierarchy and Man", "The Work Depending on Oneself". Lectures were given by Mr. J. B. S. Coats, Mrs. Betsan Coats, Mrs. Dora Kunz and Mrs. Emily Sellon. There was a General Council meeting of The Theosophical Society with delegates from Argentina, U. S. A., Uruguay, and delegates from Brazil, Chile, Columbia and Costa Rica attended as observers. A Congress of the Inter-American Federation was held with delegates from Argentina, Brazil, Central America, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Panama, Uruguay and U. S. A. Mr. Juan Vinas was elected president. A Congress of the International Federation of Young Theosophists was also held with 15 members from different countries.

JUAN B. CASSIBBA,
General Secretary.

BRAZIL

General Considerations.—The work of the Theosophical Society in Brazil in its 59th year has been characterized by a systematic development of its activities in the various fields of action. The usual alterations in the chart did not affect the work.

There are in Brazil as on Sept. 30, 1979, 40 Lodges, 3 Study Centres and 892 Members.

There was a decrease of 80 members compared to last year without affecting the general rhythm of the activities. The present characteristic is the revitalization of the members of the Theosophical Society.

Important Events.—1. *The Visit of Mrs. Betsan Coats.*—She remained among us for some days during February and March 1979 giving lectures in Porto Alegre, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte, Brasilia, Salvador and Recife. 2. *The Visit of John Coats*—President of the Theosophical Society—He remained among us from May until June, 1979, giving lectures in Porto Alegre, Curitiba, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte and Brasilia. 3. *Second Seminar on Science and Theosophy Studies*—Took place at the end of July 1979 in S. Paulo, at the Raja Centre with the young people conducting the majority of the work.

Theosophical Order of Service.—The T.O.S. showed an increase in its activities.

Administrative Work.—On 19th July 1979 we had the elections for the General Secretary, Board of Directors (indicated by the elected General Secretary) and also for the Administrative Council for the next period of July 1979/80.

Publications.—Several books have been edited in agreement with the following Publishers: Pensamento Publisher:—H. P. Blavatsky: *The Voice of the Silence*. Civilizacao Brasileira Publisher: Annie Besant: *Introduction to Yoga*; A. P. Sinnett: *The Life of Mme. H. P. Blavatsky*.

The Theosophist.—Its quarterly publication has been maintained and distributed to all members. The issue is of 1,000 and the best articles have been selected by the Editorial Committee.

Gratitude.—We are grateful to our brothers from the Board of Directors, the Administrative and National Councils and others who cooperated with the present administration. We also give our thanks to all members in Brazil who in every manner contributed to the development of the Theosophical Society in Brazil.

MURILLO NUNES DE AZEVEDO,
General Secretary.

ICELAND

The activities of The Theosophical Society in Iceland have on the whole been very similar to what they were earlier: lectures, open to public as well as members, are the main feature.

At the Headquarter's Hall in Reykjavik ten lectures were given during the period October to December 1978, and fifteen from January to the end of the working

period in May 1979. Besides that three study-courses were conducted in Reykjavik with fifteen talks and discussions. The subjects of the study-courses were: Advanced meditation and esoteric philosophy, The depth-psychology of Jung, and Self-culture. As in previous years Sigvaldi Hjalmarsen was the main-leader of the study groups. The other

leaders were: Sverrir Bjarnason and Einar Aolsteinsson.

Meditation hour, once a week, was open to general public and meant for beginners.

Summer school, for five days at the end of June, was held at a Summer hotel some 90 km away from Reykjavik. Our members stayed together under the same roof, meditated together, listened to talks, listened to music and had discussions. Most of the participants came from Reykjavik, but there are members who travelled 1100 km to attend the school. The school helped to strengthen the links of friendship between the members and made the work of the Society more efficient in many ways.

The Annual Convention of the Section was held in the beginning of June. A new General Secretary was elected—Birgir Bjarnason, a school teacher. Mr. Einar Aolsteinsson decided not to stand for

re-election because of his time consuming duties as an engineer. All the members of the executive committee were newly elected.

Gangleri, the magazine of the Section, appears twice a year. It is a popular magazine, not only among members, but also among the general public. It is now in its 53rd year. The yearly volume is as big as a book of good medium size, and the subscribers number 1630, recently decreasing a little.

Outside Reykjavik there are not many places with regular theosophical activities. But in the second biggest town, Akureyri, meetings are held fortnightly during the period October to May every year.

The members of the Theosophical Society in Iceland now number 530 and have decreased recently.

BIRGIR BJARNASON,
General Secretary.

SPAIN

Some relevant events.—The Iberic Theosophical Convention was held in Madrid with members from Portugal, Spain and Latin America. The International Theosophical Youth Camp was held in the Barcelona area, close to the famous abbey, Montserrat. Some of us also attended the Pays Latin Summer School at Imburs, France. All these events were greatly enjoyed by all the delegates. Another branch, Pax, is formed in Palma de Mallorca by now, making 12 branches in the Theosophical Society in Spain. The president and secretary of Pax branch started some 14 years ago *A School Day of Non-violence and Peace*, to be observed in nearly all the schools in Spain and abroad. On January 30, anniversary of Gandhi's death, they were nominated by the

Education Minister to represent Spain before UNESCO on International Children's Year.

Members, meetings all go on in an increasing way. One remarkable thing is the constant interrelation between branches and members which take place all the year round through visits that members make from one branch to another, keeping alive the fraternal feeling and exchanging lectures, books and magazines.

We hope to consolidate in a permanent way the wide opening of Theosophy in our country in this crucial moment of final freedom and democracy.

S. TERRA PALA, *
General Secretary.

PORTUGAL

During the year under report, the work in the Theosophical Society in Portugal has continued without much change.

We maintained the usual activities. We celebrated great theosophical events, such as Founder's Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day. We had public meetings at the Headquarters almost every week.

Among the chief lectures, we must refer to the following: "The Order of Templars in Portugal" by Mr. Manuel J. Gandra; "The Symbol as Spiritual Exercise" by Dr. Carlos Silva; "The symbolism of White Lotus" by Maria G. Nobre Santos; "Philosophical and Scientific Bases of Sophrology" by Dr. Elsa Ferreira da Costa.

This year was a very active one, concerning the public work of the Branches. Brothers Victor Quelhas and his wife led a series of symposia on "Education and Theosophy", and another on "Meditation and Modern World"; Dr. Humberto Costa, president of Pitagoras Branch, led a symposium on "The child and Theosophy"; Mr. Manuel Lourenco, president, of Fraternidade Branch, led a symposium on "Service"; Con. Rocha Abreu, president of Amor Branch, Verdade e Beleza, led a symposium on "Conscience of Group and Aquarium"; the President of the Dharma Branch, Oporto, came to Lisbon to lead a symposium on "G. S. Arundale", to commemorate his Centenary.

We had also members from abroad who came to speak at the Headquarters: Dr. Dubbink, from Holland, gave a

Seminar on *The Key to Theosophy*; our Brother Joseph Ross, from U.S.A., spoke about "The tree of Theosophy"; and Mr. Frank Ryder, from England, participated in the commemoration of the Centenary of Dr. Arundale. Another member of the Theosophical Society in England, Brother Emmanuel Doku, collaborated in the commemoration of Christmas.

In June, many of our members went to Madrid to take part in the meetings of the "Iberian Theosophical Week". It was a successful gathering and a very high manifestation of fraternity.

As usual, Dr. Cesina Bermudes, president of the Annie Besant Branch, organised some Theosophical meetings in the country, which were good opportunities for study and living fraternity. We closed the activities before the holiday, in July, with a symposium—"Theosophy and Service".

Concerning the Branches, our Section lost one of the Branches of the North (Alcyone, in Matosinhos). So, we have, in this moment, 12 Branches.

Regarding International Theosophical gatherings, some of our members could attend the Summer Camp in Barcelona in August and others could go to Palma de Maiorca, in September, but no one could attend the meetings of the Summer School for Latin countries.

Membership has increased from 314 to 323.

In conclusion, we can say that we go into a new year of work with enthusiasm.

MARIA G. NOBRE SANTOS,
General Secretary.

WALES

The work in both North and South Wales continued throughout 1979 with reasonable success.

Although the enthusiasm remains at a high level, there is little growth in membership—incoming members are almost equally balanced by deaths, lapses, and resignations. However, perhaps this will change slowly.

A most interesting effort made in Cardiff Lodge during the period under review was that of compiling a *Directory* of groups in the city whose ideals are oriented toward the new age. This did not, in the end, come to fruition but the steering committee which was formed to see the work put in hand has remained,

and members of the original groups come together for talks, discussions and debates on a regular basis. The result has been new friendships and contacts between the Society and other groups and an understanding of each other's work and hopes.

It is felt that by such efforts we shall keep the Society alive and vital without in any way losing our identity. We cannot run the risk of becoming desiccated and so we have to look around us and help where we can and this is a process which has brought with it a great deal of warmth and new friendship.

CHARLES JAMES,
General Secretary.

URUGUAY

During the period under report the work of the Theosophical Society in Uruguay continued without significant changes. The outstanding event of the year was the visit of the International President, Mr. John B. S. Coats and Mrs. Betsan Coats who gave public lectures which had a good attendance.

The General Secretary and his wife attended the Sixth Congress of the F.T.I. and the summer school in Argentina, which took place in March 1979 at Villa Carlos Paz, Cordoba.

New rules of our Section have been approved at a general body meeting of members. At present the government department of our law office has our new rules under consideration since last February. We await their decision to put them in force. Our annual convention was held on 18th August 1979. We celebrated

White Lotus Day, Adyar Day, Founders Day and the 7th of January which was the 54th anniversary of the Uruguay Section.

Lodges.—Eleven lodges are working and one was dissolved this year. From this lodge the members created a new lodge. There were 10 members that created this new group, and they named it Prometeo. They asked for advice and permission to the General Council to meet once a week to study with the new members and old members to try to consolidate the lodge. At the proper time we will ask for the charter.

Membership.—32 new members, 2 readmissions, 4 resignations and 4 deaths during this period, and 29 lapsings. Total membership now is 149.

Our library has been active during this period. Many members, particularly

new members, are most interested in reading theosophical books. They ask for all classical books. *Isis Unveiled, Secret Doctrine, Voice of the Silence, Key to*

Theosophy and all of Dr. Taimni's books are the most in demand.

JUSTO V. DE LA VEGA,
General Secretary.

YUGOSLAVIA

Two lodges called *Brotherhood* and *Kundalini* have been formed in Ljubljana and Zagreb respectively. Both have been started by our younger members. In spite of some initial doubt from older members, both lodges have proved well their worth in developing into active and well balanced centres, organizing many lectures, meditation groups and workshops. Kundalini lodge is still going through an experimental stage, as it seems that some of its members are too interested in phenomenal aspects of nature and not enough in the wisdom aspect. This has been good in a way, because it has caused some open discussions to make us all reconsider our basic theosophical principles. It has stimulated a healthy discussion on questions such as: What is Theosophy?

The important thing is that there is a growing interest in Theosophy among the younger generation, and our membership has been steadily increasing over the past few years, with an increase last year of 17 members. This brings our membership up to 130. Some of our younger members

have become devoted and active workers ensuring an uninterrupted development of the Society for the future.

The latest issue of *Teozof*, our national magazine, will be printed in offset press for the first time. Up to now it has been stenciled. Extensive plans are being made and funds collected for a more serious publishing activity. The project is to revise and correct many existing translations of theosophical books in Serbo-Croat which are still in the form of manuscripts only, and have them published. This is an important development, since none of them have been printed since World War II.

Another summer camp, the fifth one in a row, has been held in Gozd Martuljek in July, attracting members of all ages and from all parts of Yugoslavia. These summer camps have become a regular feature of our work. Many newcomers experience their first contact with Theosophy on these occasions.

EMILIO TRAMPUZ,
General Secretary.

SRI LANKA

Library.—The Library which is regularly used needs more new books. Among others very much needed are *Isis Unveiled, Lives of Alcyone, Talks on the Path of Occultism, First Principles of Theosophy,*

Key to Theosophy, and Man, Whence, How and Whither? About six copies of the following: *Voice of the Silence, Practical Occultism, Ageless Wisdom, Ancient Wisdom, The Seven Human Temperaments,*

Light on the Path and *Masters and the Path*, are needed to form a nucleus for a lending library for each Lodge. The revived branches are very keen on this project for improving the Theosophical knowledge of the members. At present individual members who have their private copies circulate their books. We trust Adyar will be able to put donors in touch with us, who can offer the books very urgently needed.

Visitors.—Brother John Coats, International President, had to cancel a scheduled programme in March due to illness and was able to spend only one day with us as the guest of Brother Rustomjee, when he had discussions with our Lodge representatives and General Council, en route to South America.

The visit of International Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, was a welcome and valuable fillip to our activities. At two public meetings she spoke on "What is Theosophy" and "The New Humanity of the New Age". A whole day seminar was held at Kalvath Shan, a Sufi centre, out of Colombo. Miss Joy Mills spoke on "Theosophy and Education". Bro. Theja Gunewardhana on "The Entry of the Earth Planet to Aquarius" and Rev. Fatler Mervyn Fernando on "Recent discoveries in Astronomy with special reference to the Planetary Relationships." A day's Retreat in the mountains was organized by the President of the new *Marifa* Lodge whose membership consists mainly of Sufis and Christians. Here informal discussions with the members of the Kandy Group of Theosophists brought her all-too short visit to a memorable close. Bro. Rustomjee was fully responsible for all travel arrangements. We hope the revival of the Kandy Lodge will follow soon. Miss Joy Mills was also interviewed on the radio.

Publications.—Bro. G. J. R. Samarasingha, Secretary of Besant Lodge, has documented some of the seminar papers which are very informative. A golden jubilee souvenir magazine is being prepared by the Sri Lanka Section of the Theosophical Society.

Non-English Publications.—We have selected a 1928 publication entitled *Theosophy and Education* by an unknown translator and Bro. A. P. Sugathadasa's Sinhala translation of *At the Feet of the Master* by Alcyone, for republication. We are submitting these to the Non-English Publications Fund Committee. These books will serve to spread the appreciation of Theosophy in schools, educational fields and associations interested in spiritual matters. In fact, hundreds of non-English speaking well wishers will benefit by them.

International Seminar.—Dr. Felix Fernando of Lanka Lodge participated in the 1979 January Seminar on "Impact of Science on Human Values" organized by COSTED and Theosophical Society at Adyar. He followed it with a talk on Acupuncture at the Indian Institute of Science.

International Goodwill.—Bro. Theja Gunawardhana conducted two workshops on New Age themes co-related to Theosophy in Hawaii which resulted in the formation of a Theosophical Lodge in the island (Oahu).

Lodge Activities.—Vasanta, Olcott and Lanka Lodges have been reorganized and now active. Membership dues have been paid as far as possible. An annual programme of work is being prepared by all of them for 1980.

These three lodges had a very successful united meeting at which the National President and Secretary spoke on "The Responsibility of a Theosophist in the New Age". A lively discussion followed.

Lanka Lodge.—The new Secretary, Mrs. Doris Aserappa, is compiling a repertoire of taped talks at Lodge meetings, to be shared with other Lodges. Her dedication is attracting new members.

Mount Lodge.—With a predominantly Buddhist membership, it has regular monthly meetings and the members are all involved in various forms of community service. Miss Joy Mills spoke to 30 members and well-wishers on "What Theosophy means to Those who Live It". The range of subjects discussed at Lodge meetings is wide.

Marifa Lodge.—Functioning quietly for some months this was officially inaugurated by Miss Joy Mills on 19th August 1979. Its membership includes several Sufis headed by Bro. Fuard Uduman whose beautiful sylvan abode has been the venue for many Study Camps since the late sixties.

Besant Lodge.—Had the following one-day seminars for the benefit of other Lodges as well. 29-10-78 "Human Liberation, What does it mean?"; Speakers: Bro. M. Z. Akbar, Rev. Father Betram Dabrera and Bro. Theja Gunawardhana; Attendance of 25. 28-1-79 "Impact of Science on the quality of life"; Speakers: Rev. Father Marvyn Fernando, President, Astronomical Society of Sri Lanka and Eckart Kronberg of Germany; A long discussion followed; Attendance 24 members. 8-4-79 "Where Theosophy and Science meet in Esoteric Astrology, the mystic Aspect of Astronomy"; Speaker: Bro. Theja Gunawardhana; Attendance 25. 20-5-79 "Science and Buddhism", A half day Seminar; Speaker: Dr. Daya Perera FRCS (Eng.); Attendance 15.

1st to 3rd July, 1979, Retreat and Workshop on "Ways of Living" by Michael Wheatley at Kandy Catholic Retreat House. Mr. Wheatley was specially concerned with spiritual concepts correlated with right food values.

Satya Marga Lodge.—This is defunct. Its members have enlarged the membership of the re-organized Vasanta, Olcott and Lanka Lodges.

Shanti Marga Lodge, Galle.—This has contributed a great deal to correlate Theosophical concepts of Truth with the Theravada teachings in Sri Lanka. This has resulted in Buddhists appreciating Theosophy. Buddhism correctly understood can be reconciled with the great Theosophical truths. We hope to reprint the book by Bro. A. P. Sugathadasa, the President of this Lodge, translated into Sinhala.

Lotus Lodge.—This is making a study of Cosmogogenesis, The Seven Principles of Man and the Human Aura. Meditation and Study circles are held in homes among small groups of the Lodge as a means of overcoming the petroleum shortage. Bro. Mohamed Cassim maintains a good circulation of spiritual books among all Lodges.

Study of The Secret Doctrine. A series of talks on Cosmogogenesis and Anthropogenesis were given by the National Secretary to members of all Lodges in her home. Six Catholic nuns, as interested non-members, followed these talks very keenly. The talks were linked with esoteric interpretations of Genesis and Revelations, which correlated Christianity with Theosophy.

Welfare.—Theosophical members have contributed to a project of adopting one family in Polonnaruwa, an area severely afflicted by the 1978 cyclone; this project included furnishing a new house when rebuilt by the Cyclone Rehabilitation Authority.

Headquarters.—Besant Hall which has served as our Headquarters for decades is in a dilapidated condition and needs repairs, water, toilet facilities and living quarters for the caretaker.

Golden Jubilee.—In November 1979, we hope to celebrate the 51st Anniversary of the Sri Lanka Section, in a fitting manner for the rededication

of the membership in the Service of Theosophy.

THEJA GUNAWARDHANA,
National Secretary.

GREECE

The work continues regularly. The members of the Section are now 272. There are four Lodges in Athens and one in Thessaloniki.

The magazine *Ilisos* is running its twenty-fourth year of publication. It is printed every two months and the

circulation is 3,700 copies. We have published the following books: *Voice of the Silence* by Madame H. P. Blavatsky; *Gods in Exile* by Mr. J. J. Van der Leeuw.

C. MELISSAROPOULOS,
Gen. Secretary.

CENTRAL AMERICA

The activities went on normally in almost all of the lodges, notwithstanding the political events which created a disturbance in the public order and tranquility of the homes in all the countries of the Central American area, but especially in Nicaragua where, firstly, a civil war of serious proportions broke out; afterwards here in El Salvador, grave incidents occurred, culminating in the change of government halfway through this month. The social unrest and its economic repercussions are still persisting.

Apart from the above, things have been going on normally and theosophical work has continued uninterruptedly except for brief periods when, through lack of security, we could not gather for meetings.

No special activities have occurred deserving mention in this report, except the Nine-day Theosophical Journey (la Novena Jornada Teosofica) held under the auspices of the *Shakti* Lodge which was a success in San Jose, Costa Rica, on 12th, 13th and 14th April of this year. It is also appropriate to mention

the appointment of Sister Maria Lopez de Calderon Guardia, attached to the *Virya* Lodge of Costa Rica, to officially represent this Section at the 6th Inter-American Congress, celebrated in Cordova, Argentina, from 24th to 31st March of the same year. On the first of March, the *Teotl* Lodge of this country was grieved to learn of the death of the well-known Sister Soledad Lara, distinguished member of the Society, who dedicated a great part of her life to the study, teaching and diffusion of Theosophy, donating large amounts to the institutions and also the land where our Lodge has been built.

I admit that I have done very little during the first year of my appointment as General Secretary, but we are living with the hope that, with the help of the Sainly Beings, we will get more auspicious conditions at our disposal for the good progress of our activities.

JULIO CESAR GUILLEN,
General Secretary.

PHILIPPINES

As reported last year we lost our headquarters building by fire on September 2nd, 1978. The enormity of the calamity began to sink in only as the months rolled by. The process of piecing together available records must still go on. We have lost all hopes of collecting our insurance, but we are determined to build just the same. We are caught in a powerful back-eddy which is also a tremendous challenge for growth. The late founder and first president of the Theosophical Society in the Philippines, Mr. Ismael Zapata, used to say, "There is nothing wrong in falling down, but only in staying down". So we are getting up and thankfully, too, for this beneficent forcing process.

First, we must make special mention of the many spontaneous donations we have received in the form of books and cash from our friends and brothers in the different Sections and groups abroad. To all those who helped in the "Assistance to the Philippines Fund" of the American Section; those from the Nippon Lodge of Tokyo, Japan; from the Australian, New Zealand and English Sections and their T. O. S. groups; books and cash from Mr. Boris de Zirkoff; books from Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson; from Mrs. Valerie Watmuff of Adelaide; Mr. and Mrs. John Sell of N. Z.; the Adyar Publishing House and the Adyar Library, to all of them go our deep gratitude. Our acknowledgement is in *The Philippine Theosophist* Jan-Dec. 1979 issue.

Plans To Rebuild.—A "Letter of Appeal" sent out to our own members has been responded to generously. Pledges made last year have all been redeemed. Some of those who have already given and are still giving are pledging very

much larger amounts so that now we have high hopes that we can start construction of our building in the next few months. The building as planned will have a ground floor area of 253 sq. meters. A second floor would double this space. To be built on the same site but now facing Iba St., instead of P. Florentino, this proposed two-storey concrete building is conservatively estimated to cost not less than £ 600,000. With materials and labor soaring unpredictably, it would be more sensible to start construction as soon as possible even as we are campaigning for funds. Plans for the building is shaping up. With the direct supervision of a brother who has also helped us with our temporary structure, Mr. Dindo Malones, and who has offered to help again in this way, we hope to keep the cost down.

The Temporary Structure.—At present the affairs of the Society is being conducted in a make-shift temporary structure on the same site which was also put up with a minimum of expense and fuss by Mr. Malones. He has the know-how and the contact which made things much easier. Since December we have been using this box-like temporary structure, which for a few months was without electricity, telephone and comfort room all because of government red-tape. In a few months it was improved further, and donations of chairs came in; it is more comfortable though cramped in space.

The Annual Convention.—The highlight of this year's activities was the annual convention last April 28th to May 1st in Baguio City, the tourist and summer resort of the country. It was our second and longest live-in convention in a decade. Baguio with improved roads

is now 250 kms. away from Manila. Out of the seventy-two members who indicated they would participate, only fifty-four were able to make it. The beauty of this lush-green mountain site, the exhilarating, nippy air was stimulating. There were many fun-filled hours even as we buckled down to work. There is much to be said in favour of live-in conventions. A close family-feeling relationship quickly builds up, the participants are more relaxed, more serious work receives longer and better attention. In the business meeting among the important items taken up were: "The immediate Tasks Ahead" subdivided into: "The immediate need for a permanent building", "Funding, means and methods", "Better Communication with members and non-members", "The need for an efficient business arm", "The use of more and better media" and "Vitalization of lodges". A post-convention workshop amplified some of the items taken up at the Baguio Convention.

With the help of Dr. Manuel Fernando, a Board member from up North, we had the city Mayor, the Hon. Luis Lardizabal, for our special guest during the opening ceremonies, and gained seven new members during the Convention. She was interviewed over the local radio station and the Convention featured in the local daily. We have also formed the new members into a Study group.

Other Activities.—Four general membership meetings and three general Council meetings called, this year, brought very useful ideas and offers of help to implement these. Among these ideas was the need for a more personal approach to the subjects presented during lodge and study meetings. It was felt very important that the

teachings be shown to have relevance to actual daily life situations and participants be drawn out to relate themselves and their problems to the teachings as given. To this end most of the talks were spiced up with questions and answers even in the midst of the session itself. Some of the subjects conducted along these lines and their speakers were: "The different Religions" (a series) by Mr. Vic Hao Ching; "The Theosophical Society and the Work Ahead" taken up by three speakers: Atty. Mario Zapata, Mrs. Florentin and Mrs. Gregorio. "Latest Evolutionary Concepts in the Light of Theosophy" by Prof. Roselmo Doval Santos; "Life After Life", a series on Karma and Reincarnation by Atty. Mario Zapata; "Universal Life Forces" and "Living The Spiritual Life" both by Mrs. Gregorio; "A Theosophical Viewpoint on Child Development" by Atty. Flery Romero; "Healing from the Point of View of a Medical Practitioner" by Dr. Ricardo Pascasio; "Papaano Mauunawan Ang Psychisimo" (a tagalog talk) by Mr. Romy Velarde; "Theosophy and Masonry" by Dr. Amancio Donato; "The Incarnation of the Lord Christ and the Master Jesus" by Mr. F. Gamboa. A guest from the American Section, Mr. Harry Bromley, gave two talks at headquarters and visited two lodges in the course of his observation of our Philippine Healers. A social organized by members of Rizaliana Lodge and spearheaded by Mrs. Pat Muñoz and Mrs. Telly Gruenberg was much enjoyed by all and contributed to further strengthening the closer rapport between members.

The Theosophical Order of Service.—To strengthen the T.O.S. was one of the major concerns we have voiced for sometime. The Baguio Convention which carried this item concretized it for

us. Then in the meeting on June 3rd and 10th, those interested organized themselves into seven departments of the T.O.S. The different heads are: Social Service, Mrs. Gayong Arreza; Animal Welfare, Mrs. Pat Muñoz; Healing, Atty. Mario Zapata; Right Citizenship, Atty. Nick Tayao; Watcher, Dr. Amancio Donato; Natural Living, Mrs. Goring Gopiao; Arts and Crafts, Mr. E. Cabigting.

The Social Service Dept. has a Placement Service which Miss Potenciana Carlos has been handling. The Animal Welfare Department has two projects: A Rummage and Plant Sale, proceeds of which is intended to help the Society and at the same time, as envisioned by the organizers, to help the neighbourhood poor a chance to buy first class goods at rummage prices. The other which is still in the planning stage is to sponsor a composition contest among grade school pupils on the subject, "Kindness to Animals". This will be taken up with the help of educators and veterinarians. For want of a suitable meeting place, the Healing Group could not meet on Saturdays, so they just pray individually at a concerted time for those on their list. Other members have been doing the rounds visiting the sick and the aged as part of their T. O. S. work. In Cabanatuan, the healing group led by Dr. Fernando and Dr. Gonzalea have linked themselves up with some psychic healers who serve the barrio folk free of charge. The healers are helped by the theosophical background they are given.

Media Exposure.—Together with the Vice-President, Atty. Mario Zapata, and Mr. Vic Hao Ching, the National Secretary, I was invited to speak on "Theosophy, the Ancient Wisdom and The Theosophical Society" on TV Channel 4, in a half-hour programme.

I had another one-hour TV interview this time on "The Meaning of Christmas" last December and which was hosted by a Catholic priest. Another hour of TV exposure was an invitation with Dr. M. Fernando, where we formed a panel on the subject, "Healing from the Occult Point of View".

Lodges and Members.—This year it was possible for me in the course of business trips to visit only two far away lodges, that of Cebu and Silahis in Naga, Camarines Sur. Those closer home and visited a number of times were: Ilaw, Hamsa, Kaisahan, Pandacan, and of course Manila and Rizaliana. We lost by death four members: Miss Emerenciana Carlos of Pandacan Lodge, Mr. Dalmacio Mendez of Ilaw, Rev. Olympio Cabellon of Rizaliana and Mr. Domingo Argente, the former General Secretary. Mr. Argente served the Society for many terms and his loss is deeply felt. We have 20 lodges, fourteen are doing well, the others for various reasons have not been able to meet regularly. Two of these lodges, Tapan and Cavite have most of their members abroad or dropped out. Kaisahan, is making efforts to revive itself, while Paibig and Singalong have not sent reports for a long time. The officers of these lodges have been occupied somewhere else. We expect to help revive these lodges in due time. Membership stands at 216—quite a drop from last year, but it is possible this is partly due to the fact that the records are still incomplete at time of writing and that feelers sent to lodges have not come in due to erratic mail and lack of man-power and facilities. An influx of twenty-five new members has not offset the losses due to deaths, resignation and transfers.

Changes at National Level.—Late this September, Mr. Tony Francisco asked

to be relieved of his duties as Board Member because of his inability to attend sessions of the Board. He requested that Mrs. Tayao be appointed to take over his position during the remainder of his term until May. Mrs. Tayao was also a former Board Trustee. Mr. Felipe Gamboa, a former National Librarian was appointed as Assistant Librarian effective February 1st. Mr. Ben Valte Jr. has been made Internal Auditor of the Society. Under the Treasurer, Mr. Angel Reyes, a new Finance Committee was appointed composed of Mr. Zosimo Angeles, Mr. Vincente Reyes and the Asst. Treas., Mrs. Ananda Manalad Zapata.

The Library.—Our Library was operational on a small scale as of March, although most of the books were made available only for reading and reference in the library, a few were allowed to be taken out by borrowers. For lack of space and shelves, and inability to secure these against loss and the elements, most of the books received as donations are still kept in storage awaiting the new building.

The Bookshop.—Fortunately for us there were still some books in transit after the fire, and these when they arrived were sold to help finance our orders for new books. The capital had to be augmented by our General Fund as we expect the Bookshop to help us finance most of our operational expenses. However, we are still in arrears with some Publishing Houses, which we hope we can redeem soon from gross earnings of the Bookshop.

Conclusion.—No longer numbed by our common catastrophe, we are wide awake to the grave responsibilities ahead. Thanks to many who have willingly pitched in and helped us at our darkest hours, we expect to get back to normal in due time. Two important events in the future are keeping us on our toes, the visit of Joy Mills on January of next year and the Indo-Pacific Conference in 1981. The whole year was an up-hill climbing process, we haven't gotten far, but for what is worth, we have been honing our spiritual muscles for the real climb ahead.

CLEO Z. GREGORIO,
National President.

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

I have much pleasure in reporting the activities of the East and Central African Section from 1-10-78 to 30-9-79.

National Headquarters.—At the Annual General Meeting held in Mufulira on Sunday, 15-4-79 at the time of our 29th Annual Convention, it was decided to shift the Headquarters of the Section to Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, and I was elected as a General Secretary for a term of three years from 1979 to 1982.

We are all grateful to Nairobi Lodge which had allowed the use of its premises

as the Headquarters of the Section for the last 18 years. I would be failing in my duty if I do not pay my homage to Brothers, R. H. Patel, A. B. Patel and H. M. Chhaya, the past General Secretaries in Nairobi, who were instrumental in spreading the message of Theosophy in this part of the world.

Membership.—The number of members as at 30-9-79 was 1,284 as against 1,201 last year.

Important Events during the period:
(a) 29th Annual Convention at Mufuhra.—

After three consecutive Conventions in Kenya, it was a pleasant change when the 29th Annual Convention was held at Mufulira from 13th to 15th April 1979. The Chief guests at the Convention were Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bakshi, who had earlier toured all the lodges in Kenya and a few in Zambia.

The Convention was very well attended by delegates from Kenya and Tanzania in addition to a large number from lodges in Zambia.

Mr. A. R. Bakshi had given three Public Lectures during the Convention which was opened by Hon. Mr. Shedrock Soko, member of U. N. I. P. Central Committee for Copperbelt Province.

He was also interviewed on TV in Kenya and Zambia, and on Radio in Tanzania, Kenya and Zambia.

(b) *Mr. Reuben Thuku.*—After completing the sessions at the International Centre of Studies and Research at Adyar, Mr. Reuben Thuku arrived in Nairobi during April 1979 and plunged himself in Theosophical Work by giving talks to members and Public Lectures in Kenya and also visiting Secondary Schools as well as indigenous residential areas conveying the message of Theosophy. Early next year it is planned that he will visit lodges in Zambia and Tanzania. We are grateful to Nairobi Lodge for their offer of building a flat for Mr. Reuben Thuku in the Theosophical compound. Mrs. M. E. Earnshaw has, in the meantime, accommodated him and his family in her house, and her spirit of dedication to Theosophical work is very much appreciated.

(c) Our International President, Mr. John B. S. Coats, visited Nairobi and Nakuru during June 1979 and gave Public Lectures. He also conducted a Seminar at Naro Moru River Lodge which was attended by members from Nairobi, Nakuru and Embu.

Owing to permission received from Tanzania Government, he was able to cross the Namanga Border and meet the General Secretary, Mr. H. D. Shah, in Moshi. Incidentally it was the Foundation Day of the Kilimanjaro Lodge, Moshi. He addressed the members and had a discussion on mutual matters with Mr. H. D. Shah.

He also made a trip to Voi and presented the Lodge Charter to the newly formed Lodge there.

(d) Nairobi Lodge celebrated its 60th Anniversary on 17th, 18th and 19th November 1978 when Mr. Rajnikant M. Patel, Secretary of the Nottingham Lodge, was the Guest Speaker.

Attendance at the 103rd International Convention at Varanasi.—Mr. K. A. Patel the Assistant General Secretary for Zambia, Mr. L. N. Vadgama from Nairobi Lodge and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Patel of Lusaka Lodge had attended the same, and Mr. H. C. Patel gave greetings on our behalf.

Visits to the Lodges.—During the year 1978-79 (a) I was able to visit Lusaka and Moshi Lodges and give talks to the members. (b) Mr. H. M. Chhaya accompanied Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bakshi to visit nearly all the lodges in Kenya and also gave talks to members. (c) Mrs. M. E. Earnshaw, Mr. C. P. Robertson-Dunn and Mr. Kiran Shah accompanied Mr. Reuben Thuku to various lodges and gave talks to members.

Celebrations.—All the principal days in the Theosophical Calendar were celebrated by many lodges.

Study.—Study classes were conducted by Nairobi Lodge and Dar-es-Salaam Lodge.

Sale of books.—This year the sale of Theosophical Books by the Section's Bookstalls at Nairobi, Dar-es-Salaam and Mufulira were very encouraging.

Subscriptions to "The Theosophist".—Strenuous efforts have been made to enlist more subscribers to our International magazine, *The Theosophist*, and it is gratifying to note that all the 185 copies for Kenya are received each month by air freight.

Allied Activities.—(a) Lodges in Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia were active during the year in serving the poor and needy in cash and in kind. Special mention may be made of a very successful Charity Walk on 2-9-79 organized by Dar-es-Salaam Lodge raising a substantial sum of shs. 460,000 gross in aid of missionaries of Charity, Mother Teresa's Home at Burahati, Dar-es-Salaam.

(b) *Bharat Samaj Puja.*—This congregational worship is carried on every Sunday at Dar-es-Salaam and occasionally at Nairobi and other places. At Nairobi, donations to (1) the Lodge Funds (2) T.O.S. Funds (3) Reuben Thuku Fund (4) World Congress (in 1982) Funds are also made after this Puja.

(c) *Healing Group.*—Dar-es-Salaam Lodge has a Healing Group which meets on last Monday of every month.

(d) *Group Meditation.*—This is regularly conducted by Nairobi Lodge and occasionally by other lodges.

(e) *Yogic Asana Classes* were regularly conducted by Mr. R. H. Patel every Thursday at the Nairobi Lodge premises.

(f) Mr. R. H. Patel also prescribed Ayurvedic medicines and gave advice on health problems to needy persons. Whenever necessary free medicines were given to poor persons.

Obituary.—Mr. Khimjibhai J. Samani of Highland Lodge, Eldoret, Kenya.

Conclusion.—It is very encouraging to note that the indigenous people are taking more interest in Theosophical work and with the return of Mr. Reuben Thuku from the International Centre of Studies and Research and his grasp of the Theosophical subjects, I am quite sure the membership will increase to a great extent.

Last but not the least, we pledge our loyalty to the Cause, the Society and its representative in the exoteric world, and to Mr. John B. S. Coats, the International President.

A. D. SHAH,
General Secretary.

P.S.

1. Nakuru Lodge celebrates this year the Silver Jubilee of its founding.

2. Nakuru Lodge raised Funds for T. O. S. by arranging a dance (Bharata Natyam) programme by Mrs. Sucheta Bhide Chapekar and Miss Bijal Shah.

PAKISTAN

The Theosophical Society in Pakistan has continued its work during the year in the same way as in previous years.

The largest branch in Karachi, founded in 1896, remains as active as ever. Twenty-nine new members were enrolled during the year and the total membership of the Karachi Branch stands at 136.

The Karachi Branch has regular activities with a weekly study class, lectures and short seminars and courses. It also observes special days of remembrance related to the Theosophical Society and Anniversaries of some of the leaders.

During the year study classes were

based on Dr. Taimni's Book *Self Culture*. Special studies were also held on Astrology.

In November 1978 a ten-day course was held on "Self-Development through Meditation". The course brought very good response from the public. Talks on the subject were given by a group of members, especially prepared for the course. In May 1979 another ten-day course was held on "Better living through Yoga". This course of lectures and demonstrations was attended by 60 students and was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. N. Desai of Bombay.

The Karachi Branch has a very fine Free Library and Reading Room which is used by 203 regular borrowers and many more who use the Reading Room. The library is fortunate to keep up-to-date with Theosophical publications, received free from the Quest Book Shop and the T.P.H. in America. A number of members subscribe to *The Theosophist* published at Adyar.

Theosophy in Karachi, the monthly bulletin of the Karachi Branch was issued regularly to members and an increasing number of interested persons.

The Branch also organized lighter

activities like socials and vegetarian dinners, often attended by over a hundred members and friends.

The small Jamshed Nagar Branch of the Theosophical Society at Karachi regularly held the monthly activity of readings and discussions mainly around the writings of Mr. J. Krishnamurti. The Branch of the Theosophical Society at Lahore also continued its monthly meetings of discussions around theosophical topics. These were attended by a number of interested non-members.

The library of the Lahore Branch was used regularly by members and others.

Many of the members of the branch were interested in the exposition of meditation as conducted by Mr. F. H. Engineer.

However the membership of the Lahore Branch is only 4 at present, with a considerable number of interested visiting non-members.

The lodges at Hyderabad and Quetta continue to exist but in spite of requests, no statistics or reports of the lodges have been received.

Mrs. GOOL K. MINWALLA,
Presidential Representative.

MALAYSIA

A new impetus has been given by the purchase of a Headquarter's building near Kuala Lumpur, the capital city. This large building with all modern conveniences will, it is hoped, generate sufficient energy for revitalising the work of the Society in this country. Bought at a cost of M\$. 250,000 (U. S. \$1 = M\$ 2.2) the Society's immediate major task is to clear the enormous debt that has been incurred.

The educational effort that is being conducted as part of the Society's service to the community is proceeding very successfully in Seremban. The Montessori school now has an enrolment of 125 and plans have been finalised to build a modern two-storey building which will enable the school to be extended and at the same time provide greater facilities for lodge activities.

The dissemination of Theosophical

literature is very actively pursued. The Lodge Secretary has set up a separate Company (Gnana Enterprises) to conduct this activity in an efficient and business like manner. Assistance has been sought from T.P.H. Wheaton for help in the distri-

bution of Quest books in this region. The Eighties promise to be a decade of increased activities and greater fulfilment in Theosophical work in this area.

S. NARAYANAN,
Presidential Agent.

NORTHERN IRELAND

The year under review was, in many respects, like every other year. We had a rather interesting programme of public lectures and discussions and all our meetings were reasonably well attended. A look at the titles certainly confirms that we covered a wide variety of practical topics: "Love is God" and "Nisargadatta", Mr. Leslie Francey; "The Leadbeater Story", "Changing the World", "Vessels of Mercy and Vessels of Wrath", "Who are the Liberal Catholics?" and "Performance of Duty", Dr. Hugh Shearman; "Reflections", "The Mystical Revolution", "The Secret and the Sacred" and "Quarks or Quacks?" (Science and Occultism)", Mr. Tony Rodriguez; "The Surgeons of the Philippines" (with slides), Mr. R. Anderson. Our programme was supported by a considerable number of recorded talks: "Psychical Research and Spiritual Values" and "Mystical Experience and the Scientific Method", Professor Arthur Ellison; "Head and Heart in the Study of Theosophy", Miss Ianthe Hoskins; "The Meaning and Purpose of Theosophy", Mr. F. G. Perry; "Spiritual Consciousness", Mr. Joel E. Goldsmith; and "The Old and the New—within", by our International President, Mr. John Coats. We also had stimulating discussions on the following subjects: "Have you any Choice?—Destiny?", "Is Religion Essential in Modern Times?", "Evolution

and Christianity", "Karma and Reincarnation" and "Are Yesterday's Truths true for Today?" Also our "Easter Day Readings" meeting was extremely well attended.

The thirty-first Annual Convention of the T. S. in Northern Ireland was held at Gateway House on Sunday 27th May. On this occasion, the Regional Secretary was invited to act as guest of honour, the topic of the address being "The Tree of Life". At the business meeting the existing officers were re-elected and our financial position was revealed to be just sufficient for the task in hand. The Regional Secretary was instructed to convey the greetings of the Convention to the International President.

Members meetings continued on Wednesdays, and attendances registered a slight increase during the later part of the year. The group examined *How Theosophy came to Me* by C. W. Leadbeater, *K. H. Letters to C. W. L.* by C. Jinarajadasa; a Penguin edition of Krishnamurti's writings; *Kundalini* by G. S. Arundale; and, more recently, we have been exploring *The Inner Life* of C. W. Leadbeater. During the Summer, two of our members attended the English Speaking Regional School at High Leigh.

During the year, Belfast Lodge had to endure its almost traditional share of vandalism. Twice our premises were

broken into and some minor damage was caused by the Tamasic wave of destruction. Needless to say, we managed to survive.

We received several formal enquiries from people claiming to be interested in joining the Society. Membership now stands at 42. This includes three new

members welcomed by Belfast Lodge during the past few months, Mrs. Fiona Wylie, Mr. Ian Long and Mr. Rendal Henderson. We wish them all a safe and happy voyage through the uncharted sea of Self-discovery.

TONY RODRIGUEZ,
Regional Secretary.

BOLIVIA

During the course of the year between 10th October 1978 and 30th September 1979, activities of the T. S. in Bolivia have taken place normally and regularly at the eight branches of La Paz, Oruro, Cochabamba, Sucre, and Santa Cruz; weekly meetings were held at all of them, with study of the principal books of our Leaders.

The Branches.—In accordance with last year's report, the active branches are the following: Lodges Paz and Tishuanacu in the city of La Paz; Inti and Rafael Echazu in Cochabamba; Urus in Oruro; Loto Blanco in Sucre; and Paititi and Inquietud in Santa Cruz.

Charters.—During the year charters were received by the lodges Loto Blanco, Tishuanacu, Paititi and Inquietud.

Diplomas.—The diplomas for the members of the above branches and sent from Adyar, were also presented to each of them in special ceremonies.

First Meeting of Students of Theosophy.—The first gathering finally took place in the month of October 1978, in the city of Cochabamba, hosted by Inti Lodge and was attended by members of all the 8 lodges. This first meeting was a happy one, breathing an atmosphere of harmony and understanding which was shared by the Brothers who with their knowledge of Theosophy, will contribute to a better

diffusion in Bolivia. Present at this function was Brother Eduardo Thomas of Argentina, who gave a series of lectures. He came at the invitation of the President of the Inti Lodge, Sister Giuliana Pozzi. This Brother enjoyed the respect of his Bolivian Brothers, who valued the discourses of the Theosophical themes.

Visit of the International President.—President John Coats and his wife Betsan, gave us the great satisfaction to be with us in the month of May of this year, for which occasion the members of the 8 Lodges were present in the city of Cochabamba. Both of them said very interesting and instructive things. Sister Betsan gave a public lecture which created much interest, being very instructive for the audience who showed their satisfaction and eagerness to learn more about Theosophy.

Short as their visit may have been, yet they left a grateful memory to all Brothers, instilling greater strength for the march to perfection on the spiritual path.

Visits to the Lodges.—Both the Presidential Representative, Brother Raul Laguna Lozada, as well as Brother Mario Cariaga, made separate visits to the interior lodges of the country, stressing the importance of study of Theosophy, as well as attending the weekly meetings.

Receipt of Books and Magazines.—We are keeping in contact with the Inter-American Theosophical Federation who are sending us books and magazines in the Spanish language, which at moderate charges are sent to all the lodges by an arrangement between the Brothers. We are awaiting printing of *The Theosophist* by the Federation in the Spanish language which would be translated by Brother Wehbe.

New Associates.—After attending various meetings as listeners for an appropriate period of time, the following persons have been admitted as new associates:

Fernando Osorio E. in Lodge Paz of La Paz and Carmen Sanjines e Patino in Lodge Paititi of Santa Cruz.

Remittance of Contributions.—US \$ 180 covering annual contributions and sub-

scriptions of the two new members sent to Adyar.

Formation of the Bolivian Section.—At his last visit, our President John B. S. Coats announced that the moment was yet inopportune for the organization of the Bolivian Section of the T. S., which was seriously being considered during the recent formation of the branches "Sucre" and "Santa Cruz". At present they are regularly attending meetings and working in a continuous manner, and the 8 branches being consolidated, so that we are looking forward to our President's decision to recognize it as a National Section as a next development.

Sd. RAUL LAGUNA LOZADA,
Presidential Representative.

CANADIAN FEDERATION

This was a year of reconstruction in more than one way. After the transfer of Hermes and North Vancouver Lodges to the Canadian Section our membership dropped sharply, but went back to the nineties. Then due to some healthy internal cleaning there was again an abrupt drop and our membership now stands at 72, but new members are arriving almost daily, most of them coming from Quebec, which is understandable because our co-ordinator has been giving a series of public lectures in Montreal. Tilly Phan has issued two correspondence courses, one based on the French translation of *Meditations on the Occult Life*, and *Meditation* by Adelaide Gardner. Both courses are taken by members in out of the way places and non-members who attend public lectures. The new coordinator started holding council meetings in different places: Toronto, St. Hippolyte, Montreal,

Calgary and Lacombe. If one remembers that the distance from Toronto to Calgary is 3000 miles one sees this is quite an accomplishment. On all these visits study groups, lectures and discussion groups were held. This created much interest in our work. We were lucky to have Mrs. Gool Minwalla for a public lecture at our Seminar in Aurora, just north of Toronto. It was redone in French at our coordinator's home which was very successful. We hope to develop many more seminars in the future. One of our more arduous tasks is to get our classics printed and to our speaking people in their own language.

In ending, let us remind everyone that the Canadian Federation has invited The Theosophical Society to hold its next World Congress in Canada.

C. TON PHAN,
Coordinator.

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

In the past year Mrs. Radha Burnier has been welcomed as an honoured guest of the European Federation. She visited Summer Schools and other gatherings in many of the Sections, imparting wisdom and inspiration to all who came within her influence. We would like to record our grateful thanks to her for all that she did for us during her tour.

The Annual Meeting of the Federation Council was held this year, by invitation of the German Section, during their summer School at St. Martin. We are grateful to the German Section for their invitation and for all the excellent arrangements made for our work.

The Statement of Accounts was presented by the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Paul Hasler, and accepted by the Council

with thanks for his very competent work. The financial situation of the Federation is satisfactory largely because of the economies made by cancelling the usual meeting of the Executive Committee in February, and therefore transacting any necessary business by post.

As Chairman of the Federation, living in England, I have had the pleasure of visiting the following Sections: Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Spain and Switzerland. I would like to thank all the Sections concerned for these invitations and all the members who made this visits such memorable and happy occasions.

MADELEINE LESLIE-SMITH,
Chairman.

LODGES ATTACHED DIRECT TO ADYAR

ISRAEL

Covenant Lodge, Tel-Aviv:

During the year under review one of the important events was that Morya Lodge of Haifa decided, with all of its members, *including the President of the Lodge*, Mrs. Varda Ben-Itzhac, to dissolve the Lodge and be attached to Covenant Lodge in Tel-Aviv. I accepted their decision in the presence of the Vice-President of Covenant, other members and the president of the already dissolved Morya Lodge, Mrs. Varda Ben-Itzhac. Only after I received the signatures of all the members of the dissolved Lodges, *including the signature of the former president*, Mrs. Varda Ben-Itzhac, I accepted them. The members of Haifa, are now working with much more enthusiasm.

Since in Safad, there are no more members of the T. S., three members of the former Lodge in Safad, are also joining the Covenant Lodge. Besides the group of the former Morya Lodge, and the three members from Galil there is another Group in Haifa with the same aim as the T. S., which is getting theosophical books from our Library and one of our members in Haifa is attending their meetings. But they don't want to join the Theosophical Society.

The President of Covenant Lodge visited the Vietnam Refugees, who are in Israel. She spoke to them, gave some theosophical pamphlets and sent them *Phoenix Rising*. They would like to read Theosophy in their own language, therefore

I wrote to some of our members abroad to send some to me. Let's hope.

From Cairo I got a lovely letter from the Secretary of the group. We are in correspondence only via Germany. Hope of a reciprocal visit as soon as travel is cheaper.

This summer I was in Roumania on a private visit. As soon as some of our friends were aware I was already there, they came from three cities to meet me. The meeting with such dear friends was really a joy for all of us.

We had a guest from Atlanta, Miss Sylvia Scapa. As in the past years, we had lectures for the German Group and for the Hebrew-English Group, once every fortnight. The Russian members are attending the Hebrew lectures, since they know the language already.

We remembered the special days, especially the first of October, the day we begin our yearly activity. This year we had Lotus Day evening attended by 40 people with a very interesting and beautiful program.

Membership of the Covenant Lodge stands at 43. Six members joined during the year and three resigned.

BERTHE DOMINIC,
President.

Harmony Lodge, Tel-Aviv:

During the working year under reference, Harmony Lodge suffered some grave and irreparable losses in the passing away of three very dear Sisters, Mrs. Rosa Ani, former President of Moriah Lodge, Jerusalem, Mrs. Miriam Ginio and Mrs. Assia Woolf, whose absence will be deeply felt by our members in years to come. This reduced our group to 15.

Meetings were held twice monthly, with several "permanent visitors" again

regularly attending. In December 1978, Mr. Hans Zeuger, the Lodge President, was invited to give his politico-astrological forecast for the year 1979 over the Radio-Station of the Israel Defence Forces, and was interviewed on the same subject by the local correspondent of the *New York Daily News*. In addition, a short resumé was published in the Tel-Aviv German paper *Israel Nachrichten* (Israel News), enumerating various events in the political field, astrologically expected to occur during the current year, which meanwhile have turned out to be largely accurate, especially with regard to the State of Israel, Egypt, and Iran.

When in London in August last, Mr. and Mrs. Zeuger were very happy to meet again a number of good, old theosophical friends, and in the same month of August, Mr. Zeuger completed his sixtieth year of membership in our Society which he had joined in Vienna, Austria, in 1919, and where he had received his theosophical training under the General Secretary of the Section, the unforgettable John Cordes, whose inspiring and extraordinary impressive personality has left its mark on everyone who had come into closer contact with him. Later on in Switzerland, Mr. Zeuger received an invitation from the *Astronomische Arbeitsgruppe St. Gallen* (Astronomical Working Group St. Gallen) to deliver a lecture on "The Doctrine of Astrology", to be held on 1st October 1979—a fact which seems to augur a rather promising beginning of our new theosophical year.

HANS ZEUGER,
President.

Morya Lodge:

A number of Morya Lodge members decided to go over to Covenant Lodge, Tel-Aviv. So our Lodge has only 5

members. Regular meetings were held once a month in Kabri, where four people, interested in Theosophy, attend regularly.

The President of the Lodge contacted

the President of the Lodge in Cairo, and is corresponding with him.

VARDA BEN-YIZHAK.

SINGAPORE

Singapore Lodge:

Office-bearers.—The following members were elected Office-Bearers at the Annual General Meeting held on 11th November 1978.

President—Bro. Edwin J. D'Souza;
Vice-President—Sis. Bette Heng; Hon.
Secretary—Bro. Bunny Chan; Hon.
Treasurer—Bro. Lian Gan Hoe; Hon.
Librarian—Sis. Puncta Bandara; Com-
mittee Members—Bro. Tan Siow Hee,
Bro. Richard Tan Keng Khian, Sis.
Wong May Choo; Hon. Auditors—
Bro. Oon Kok Chat, Sis. Lim Lee Hoon.

During the year Bro. Bunny Chan resigned and his office was filled by Bro. Tan Hruce Thiag. He also resigned, and Bro. Len P. Rodrigo kindly agreed to act as Hon. Secretary.

Meetings.—Seven Committee Meetings and one extraordinary General Meeting were held during the year.

Membership.—Three new members joined thus bringing the total to 49; our total associate membership is 24.

Library.—Our thanks are due to Bros. J. W. D. Ambrose, Oon Kok Chat, M. I. A. Khalik, Sim Meng Khoo, Sis. Sylvia Tulloch, Sis. Terrie Wong, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Wilson of New Zealand Section for their donations of books to our Library.

Activities.—Highlight of the year is the realization of our dream and hope of having our own building. This was made possible by the generous contributions of cash by many members when it was

unanimously agreed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 9th December 1978 to purchase the premises No. 20/20A Moulmein Rise, costing \$ 125,000.00. This purchase would not have been effected had it not been for the financial assistance of an unexpected benefactor, who is unknown to our Lodge members. The owner at first intended to sell 20 Moulmein Rise only and occupy 20A Moulmein Rise, which is the floor above No. 20, but this was not possible because both were covered by one title deed, so he agreed to sell No. 20A to us for a further \$ 45,000.00. This unexpected hitch in the transaction was solved by an additional contribution by our benefactor, which also covered our renovation expenses, and to him we express our gratitude.

28th April 1979 marked the 'D-Day' when we moved into our new premises, and we would like to place on record our appreciation and thanks to all those who have helped, not only in cash, but also in service and in kind.

The Lodge celebrated the 103rd anniversary of the founding of the Theosophical Society on 28th December 1978, followed by a buffet party.

International Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, visited Singapore twice, giving an informal talk in January and an address on "The World Awaits a New Humanity" in September 1979, which were well attended.

Other Guest Speakers were.—Prof. V. K.

Pillay on "Avatarhood"; Mr. & Mrs. F. Wilson, New Zealand, gave an Audio-video talk on "Music Forms seen clairvoyantly". Dr. Mary Myers, Essene Light Centre, North Carolina—Question and Answer Session on her work; Swami Haridass Giri on "God".

It is hoped that during the coming year members will assist their friends in recognizing the purpose and service of the Lodge so that we may hope for an increase of our membership.

EDWIN J. D'SOUZA,
President.

JAPAN

Nippon Lodge, Tokyo:

Meetings.—We have study meetings every third Saturday and fourth Sunday evenings.

Study.—We are studying articles by H. P. B. and W. Q. Judge at our Saturday meetings. At the Sunday meetings about 40 people gather and we are now studying Agni Yoga. The evening meetings consist of only young people (about 20 members). Among these young members, one leader is selected who presides over the meetings for one year. Last year the leader decided to take up *The Chakras* by Leadbeater, and we studied about chakras, both theoretically and to some extent experientially.

This year another leader was chosen. After some discussion, we decided to study *The First Principles of Theosophy* again, for beginners. We study one chapter a month.

Translation.—In our monthly magazine,

I am still translating *Man and His Body* and *When Daylight Comes*. The former will be finished in the 10th issue of 1979. The latter is very popular with the readers. I'd like to publish this when the translation is completed.

Publication.—Soon after I offered last year's report, the translation of *The Invisible Helpers* by Leadbeater was published. This August I was given a Non-English Publication Fund grant for the publication of *The Astral Plane*. This book is expected to come out early October.

Foreign Friends.—Mrs. Gerda Vanags visited us from Australia at the end of last year. This August she sent a set of H.P.B.'s *Collected Writings* and some other books for our library.

I think universal friendship is the most important call in this new age.

EMIKO TANAKA,
President.

BANGLADESH

Comilla Lodge, Comilla:

The Comilla Theosophical Lodge established in 1889 is one of the oldest of its kind. It had the privilege of being under the Presidentship of His Highness Prince Nabadwip Chandra Deb Barma Baha-

dur of Tripura and later on other distinguished persons of the District.

There are in all 53 sittings of the Lodge during the year under review including special sittings on White Lotus Day and some other special occasions, all of which

were fairly well attended. The subjects discussed in the sittings were varied and wide enough. Studies included scriptures of various religions, "On the Watch-tower" and other articles from *The Theos-*

ophist, the lives of great Teachers and extracts from theosophical literature.

RASHMOHAN CHAKRABORTY,
President.

CAMEROON

Fako Lodge, Douala:

The Fako Lodge celebrated its second anniversary on 21st May 1979 in Buea. Friends were invited on this day to join our small group that form the members of this lodge. Some discussions were held by individual members, ranging from:

(a) "Aims of the Theosophical Society" by Akwo Joseph; (b) "Divine Wisdom" by Cletus Ndifor; (c) "Yoga and Spiritual Development" by Ndeme; (d) "Astral Body" by Takaw; (e) "The Chakras or Force Centres in the body"

by Tanah; (f) "Man, Visible and Invisible" by Oben George.

The theme of the lecture is "Man in relation to nature". After this, ideas were shared on these topics.

Visits.—The International President, Mr. John B. S. Coats, made a three-day visit to our lodge in mid June. He gave lectures and held some discussions on how we can go about with the management of the affairs of our lodge.

C. ST. NDIFOR,
Secretary.

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THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

The Library sustained an irreparable loss on the sudden demise of Dr. V. Raghavan who was of invaluable help as Adviser and member of the Editorial Board. The Library extends to Mrs. Raghavan and the family its loving sympathies.

We are glad to announce that the Ministry of Education and Social Welfare, Delhi, has approved of grants to publish the following rare works:

1. *Caturdaśalokṣaṇi* of Gaḍādhara
2. *Naiṣadhañandam* of Kṣemeśvara
3. *Āśvalāyanagrhyasūtrabhāṣya* of Devaśvāmin.

Āśvalāyanagrhyasūtrabhāṣya is now in the process of being printed.

We still await approval from the Ministry to begin the work of reconstructing into Sanskrit some of the Tibetan texts in the Kañjur and Tañjur MSS.

PUBLICATIONS:

During the year under report two new publications were released: *Rasārṇava-sudhākara* of Simhabhūpāla (ALS 110) and *Ārṣaprayogasādhutvanirūpaṇam* (ALP 43). *The Vaiṣṇava Upaniṣads* (ALS 8) and *The Philosophy of Viśiṣṭādvaita* (ALS 39) were reprinted. *Samgītaratnākara* of Sārṅgadeva, vol. 3, Tāla and Vādyā, out of print for some time, has been fully revised by Smt. S. Sarada and is now being seen through the press.

The Adyar Library Bulletin.—The volume for 1979 (vol. 43) has a revised translation, mainly based on Śaṅkara's commentary, of the *Viṣṇusahasraṇāma* (Thousand names of Viṣṇu), along with the text and commentary. This will be also brought out as No. 8 in the Adyar Library General

Series. The supplement includes as usual Notes and Book reviews.

The Bulletin has now 106 exchanges and 143 subscribers.

SERVICES RENDERED:

During the year under report microfilms of 15 MSS. and 29 books, besides photostat copies of 3 MSS. and 6 books were supplied to various institutions and research fellows. Photostat copies of documents were also made for various individuals on order.

Transcripts in Devanagari of 15 MSS. were prepared on request. One MS. was copied for Library use.

Works Used.—The Library records 703 readers, 82 resident borrowers. 142 borrowers from the city, and 22 Braille borrowers of whom 5 used the loan facilities regularly. During the year 2,037 MSS. and 30,154 books including journals were consulted in the library; 6,523 books and 10 MSS. were loaned out.

Research Scholars.—As in the past, besides those from the Universities and Indology institutions in India, numbering 21, others who utilized the library's facilities for their research were Professors/Lecturers and students from the Universities of California, Chicago, Texas, Hawaii, Moscow, Paris, Amsterdam and Ottawa.

REPAIR AND PRESERVATION:

845 books (including pamphlets) and 47 volumes of journals were bound (hard back or wrapper), while 94 books and pamphlets were repaired in the Library.

38 books, 2 paper MSS. and 2 vols. of *New India* newspaper were laminated,

6 MSS. were cleaned and 2 MSS. were repaired.

ACQUISITION AND CATALOGUING

Books.—During the year 2,081 were added to the collection. Out of these 65 were purchased, 71 were exchanged, 46 were review books and rest were gifts. Our grateful thanks are to: the late C.D.T. Shores 278; Caylor Wadlington 182; P. R. Thiruvengadam 141; T. Sundara Iyer 75; *Theosophist* office 62; Thoppur Thiruvengadam 56; Japan Foundation 44; P. S. Venkatachalam 44; President's Office 39; Miss Carin Citroen 37; Soviet Publications 36; Mrs. Radha Burnier 26. To all these and many others we extend our grateful thanks.

During the year the Library received gift subscriptions from Mr. J. W. Reuschleiu of Los Angeles to the *Brain-Mind* bulletin; Mrs. S. J. Ojack, Ojai, California, to the *Scientific American*; The Theosophical Society in America to *The Journal of the American Oriental Society*, *Manas*, and the *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*; and the *National Geographic* magazine through Miss Clarice Richie. We express our grateful thanks to all these and also to the following institutions who continue to send complimentary copies of their publications to the Library: Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar, London, Wheaton; The

Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, Ojai, Calif.; Point Loma Publications, Inc., San Diego.

Manuscripts.—16 Palm-leaf MSS. were received as donation from Mr. S. Lakshminarayanan, Madras. All of them were examined and catalogued. One transcript and 2 microfilm copies of our own MSS. were also accessed.

Book Cataloguing.—Only 470 books in the section on civilization, history, geography and biography were reclassified with extensive references. As the Librarian was away for most of the year, this work slowed down.

Donations.—The Library expresses its thanks to Mrs. Radha Burnier for Rs. 1892.19 worth of books and Rs. 3000.00 cash. Other donors are: Mr. C. B. McGraw (U. S. A.) \$ 100; Theosophical Society in Netherlands Rs. 470.00; Theosophical Society in Germany Rs. 219.00; and Mr. Martin (N.Z.) Rs. 200.00.

Visitors.—As in the past years the library had the pleasure of receiving a number of visitors both from India and outside India.

The Library extends its grateful thanks to Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja for his valuable help as Adviser and member of the Editorial Board.

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,
Librarian.

THE THEOSOPHICAL ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION

It gives us great pleasure in presenting the following report of the Theosophical Islamic Association for the year 1978-79. The Association is an allied activity of the Theosophical Society and has completed 57 years of existence. The International President of the Society, Mr. John B. S. Coats, is its Patron and Life-Member. The main objects of the Association are: 1. To encourage the study of Islam and Islamic Mysticism (Sufism) in the light of Theosophy. 2. To facilitate the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, Arts and Sciences among the Muslims. 3. To organize lectures, publish books, maintain libraries and institutions for the advancement of the above objects.

Annual General Body Meeting.—The Annual General Body Meeting was held as usual during the International Convention of the Theosophical Society, this time at Varanasi. The following were elected Office-Bearers for the year 1978-79:

Vice-Presidents: Mr. Ch. Sankar Rao, Dr. U. Muhammad, Mrs. Gool Minwalla, who was elected Vice-President for Pakistan; General Secretary: Mr. F. M. G. Sayeed; Treasurer: Mr. C. R. N. Swamy; Members of the Executive Committee: Mr. K. N. Ramanathan, Dr. (Mrs.) Jean Raymond, Mr. Hans Raj Narula (Delhi), Mr. A. M. Allapichai, Prof. S. M. Sulaiman Abbas (Varanasi); Auditor: Dr. A. Kannan.

The Convention Lecture was delivered by Prof. S. M. Sulaiman Abbas of the Banaras Hindu University on "Universal Message of Poet Iqbal" as it was the Centenary Year of the great poet and philosopher.

Activities.—The Association continued to organize meetings in the Headquarters Hall of the Theosophical Society at Adyar, Madras. The following spoke during the year: Dr. B. R. Mullik, Prof H. E. Hakim, Dr. Pran Nath, Yogi S. Venkataraman, Mr. G. S. Ramaswamy, Dr. S. Shankar Raju Naidu and Mr. Dara F. Mirza, President of the Karachi Theosophical Lodge, who spoke on "Ancient Traditions of Islam"; he also joined the Association. On February 17 and 18, a seminar on "Spiritual Dance and Walk" was conducted by Sufi Shaikh Vasistha and his 15 companions from Los Angeles, California, U. S. A., who were on a tour. The two sessions were very thrilling and uplifting. Several young people joined this activity and enjoyed it very much. We are thankful to the guests.

Branches, Centres and their work.—Prof. H. E. Hakim, on his usual tour, visited Ajmer in the last week of April 1979; he contacted the members who had then joined the Association and discussed with them several matters. A Qawwali programme was organized in his honour in which Shahi Qawwals (Singers) recited spiritual and devotional songs. He presided over Prophet's Birthday Celebration in Cambay and also visited some Theosophical Lodges in Gujarat.

Ajmer Branch.—This year an official branch of the Theosophical Islamic Association has been formed at Ajmer in Rajasthan, which is a Sufi Centre for India on account of the famous shrine of the greatest Chishti Saint, Khwaja Moinuddin Chisthi. Sahibzada Md. Yunus Maharaj was elected President of the Ajmer Branch in September 1978 and his report is as follows:

"A branch of the Theosophical Islamic Association was formed in September 1978; twenty new members were enlisted. A condolence meeting was held on 18th December 1978 on the death of Mr. W. D. Begg, a member and a great writer of the biographies of the saint. The meeting was held in the shrine when many spoke and a condolence resolution was sent to his family. Prof. H. E. Hakim visited the Branch from April 25 to 30; on 27th a music assembly was organized in his honour when prominent dignitaries were present. On June 17, a meeting was held to condemn the desecration of temples in Malaysia as it was against the teachings of the Prophet; the resolution was sent to the officials concerned. On the occasion of Ramzan, an Eid party was held on August 25. The function was organized under the presidentship of Mr. N. J. Merani, the General Secretary of Sufi International; speeches were delivered to emphasize the unity of the teachings of all religions. In the end the Shahi Qawwals of the Darga Sharif entertained the gathering by reciting Persian and Urdu poems befitting the occasion. A joint celebration of the anniversary of Shahbaz Qalandar was organized; it was a day long function and was well attended."

Varanasi.—Mr. Ram Prakash Ram of the Indian Section Headquarters is active in Varanasi (U. P.) and organized lectures by Prof. S. M. Sulaiman Abbas of Banaras Hindu University. Ramzan Eid gathering was also held.

Kerala.—Lectures were organized in the Annie Besant Lodge, Calicut, on the teachings of the Holy Quran.

Bombay.—Dr. A. M. Naik has been taking keen interest and a branch is expected to be formed very shortly. There are four Life Members of the Association in Bombay.

Contacts Overseas.—We had letters from Mr. Aziz Iskander of the Al-Hikmat Al-Kadima Society of Cairo. Copies of *At the Feet of the Master* are available with them. They have been studying Prof. Hakim's book *Islam and Sufism in the light of Theosophy*. We had a letter from Mr. Horace Slyter Glover (AKA) alias Mohammad Mujaddid of New York appreciating our activity.

Publications.—It has not been possible to add to the existing Islamic publications during the year. We propose to get the Urdu translation of Dr. Annie Besant's *Beauties of Islam* printed and also to reprint some old pamphlets on Islam if funds permit.

Membership.—To total membership of the Association stands at 150. Members do not renew their membership every year and hence we propose to enlist more Life Members. The membership fee is Rs. 5; and Rs. 2 for the members of the Theosophical Society and for those who are below 25 years of age. The life membership fee is Rs. 100 only, and the amount is deposited in the long term Fixed Deposit and only the interest is used. We therefore request members and sympathisers to enlist them as Life Members. So far we have been able to enrol 18 Life Members, and we have a target of enlisting 100 Life Members.

We are glad to announce that this year in addition to 40 new members, our Patron, Mr. John B. S. Coats, has also become a Life Member. Others who joined this year as Life Members are: Mr. Jagat Narain (Varanasi), Nawab Qutubuddin (Bombay) and Mr. Rex Henry (Adyar). We thank them heartily.

General Secretary's Tour.—Our General Secretary, Mr. F. M. G. Sayeed, went on a European tour in the month of June 1979, during which he visited Saudi Arabia and had the opportunity of performing the Umra (minor pilgrimage). He also visited Karachi.

Passed On.—We regret to report the sad demise of Mr. S. Abdul Shakoore who was a life member of the Association; he was of great help to us in the initial stages. We are also sorry to lose Col. C. P. Vasudeva (Delhi) and Prof. O. N. Kumaraswamy (Madras) who were also our Life Members. May their souls rest in peace.

Conclusion.—We are very thankful to the Theosophical Society for allowing us to use its premises. We are grateful to our Patron, Mr. John B. S. Coats, and to the Estate Management for their co-operation in allowing us to organize lectures and meetings.

It is hoped that all Lodges, Federations and Sections of the Theosophical Society will help the work of the Association by encouraging members to join it and form branches in their areas; this will help 900 million Muslims of the world to get the benefits of the knowledge of Theosophy.

H. E. HAKIM,
President.

INTERNATIONAL THEOSOPHICAL YOUTH CENTRE

Work within Adyar.—The “Winter Workshops” held during the busy months at Adyar were well attended and successful, generating enthusiasm and interest in the theosophical approach to life among members and non-members alike, and demonstrating the truly universal nature of theosophy, in that it gives a framework wherein many different methods of study, discipline and creative expression find a place. Workshops are a way to incorporate and express the three objects; people work together with others, helping each other; they transcend differences in culture and learn about other religions or philosophies; they learn to put into practice various disciplines which are meant to increase inward harmony, self-awareness, and potential abilities.

Workshops were held on subjects such as Tai Chi Chuan, Sufi dance-meditation, healing and health. Two weekend retreats were given by experienced teachers, one on Vipassana meditation and one on Sufi songs, meditations and dances by a touring group of Sufis from California. Our “An Evening With...” series of talks held informally in the Garden of Meditation was well attended, and we plan to continue the same this winter. We had “evenings” with Prof. Hakim, Mr. Michael Sargent (conservationist-environmentalist) and Mr. John Powell on Taj Chi and the I Ching).

The Garden of Meditation is a meeting place for residents and visitors, very busy during the winter months, and especially active during the May-to-August quiet period. People meet informally over cups of tea, sometimes listening to recorded music, but sometimes having

“sing-alongs” accompanied by guitars. A “Songbook” of theosophical-minded songs for all to sing (i.e. “Life is a Meditation”) has been compiled and is still being added to. In addition, classical records are played daily in the afternoons all year around.

Music concerts by Western musicians and Indian classical musicians have been arranged. One concert this year was by an American student of Carnatic music and his teacher, Madurai Krishna Iyengar.

An evening film show in Blavatsky Bungalow presented three films of theosophical topics and was well attended.

Potluck gatherings for Adyar workers and residents were arranged (with entertainment) for various occasions, such as welcoming back the President and Vice-President when returning from their summer travels.

A monthly calendar was compiled by the Youth Centre of all Adyar talks and events. These were posted on all bulletin boards for the use and convenience of residents and visitors. This will be continued during the active months in Adyar each year.

International Work.—The Youth Centre is an information-exchange centre which is in contact with youth groups all over the world, both in and out of the Theosophical Society. Through publications and correspondence, the Centre acts as a communication between various Sections, Youth Groups and Lodges. Members have written not only seeking information on various subjects, but also offering suggestions and ideas for furthering the work of the Centre.

Non-members have also written now and then seeking information.

The Centre also acts as a link between the T.S. and other like-minded organizations such as the Spiritual Community in America, the Humanity Foundation in Canada and the Festival for Mind-Body-Spirit movement in England. The Centre has addresses of hundreds of spiritual organizations.

Publications.—*Phoenix Rising* was launched by the Youth Centre with support and donations from individual members around the world, and is now self-funded and growing, with the publication of its third issue. Members (not only youth!) write that they enjoy it and use it to introduce non-members to Theosophy. One Lodge commented that they now use *Phoenix* articles, as well as *The Theosophist* articles in their study group.

Articles from *Phoenix* have been translated into French, Spanish, Italian and Serbo Croation by various youth groups in the different Sections, and it is *Phoenix's* policy to encourage such local dissemination.

Pamphlets and circular letters have been printed during the year, to let members know about the youth activities and to encourage more contact among groups and with the Centre. A pamphlet on the Youth Centre and the role of youth in the Society was prepared and printed by the Centre, and a pamphlet on meditation was prepared for the Office of Information. Future pamphlets are planned, with the aim of showing how the theosophical teachings can be translated into the vital topics and problems of today.

A *Newsletter for India* is being printed quarterly by the Youth Centre representative for India, M. K. Sharan, who received reports from the various youth groups scattered throughout India.

ARCHIVES

Archives has made steady progress with the lamination of the old documents. This process, it has been claimed, will preserve the documents for another five hundred years. The constant care of protecting the documents against the damage brought on by insects proceeds also continually; however, the required chemicals are not always easily obtainable.

Microfilms have been made on request and sent to students and institutions, such as National Libraries and Universities, in Australia, U.S.A., England and India.

Over fifty documentary items were produced and sent to the exhibition for the Centenary year of the Blavatsky Lodge of the Society, Bombay. The Adyar exhibition, during the 1979-1980 Annual Convention, will be concentrated on the Centenary of the landing of the Founders in Bombay, the magazine *The Theosophist*, and Damodar K. Mavalankar.

Visitors and students were not as plentiful as the year before.

Another small, but very important project going on in the Archives is the removal of all metal clips from the documents. These clips quickly rust in this climate and are damaging the papers to which they are attached. They are being replaced by plastic clips and the Archives would therefore be grateful for any gift of plastic clips—sometimes called 'glide-ons'—from overseas members. Overseas paper clips, it has been found, hold well, especially in the air-conditioned part of the Archives.

CARIN CIRTOEN,
Assistant Curator.

MEMORANDUM
OF
ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled "An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860," that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.



° Station, Madras,
Dated 3rd April 1905.

(Sd) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875, INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905.

*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy
and Governor-General of India in Council, being
an Act for the registration of literary,
scientific and charitable Societies*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are:

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire or by

gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follows:

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

President-Founder:—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

Vice-President:—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

Recording Secretary:—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

Treasurer:—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knos, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N.Z.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de la Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Masso, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalvala, Poona, Special Judge, [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded The Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of "President-Founder," and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Asso-

ciation, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any members thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said

Members of
General
Council not
answerable

trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the

Vesting of
Property on
dissolution

Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any

property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present personally or by proxy, Witnesses to the signatures:

(Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY ..

„ ARTHUR RICHARDSON ..

„ PYARE LAL ..

„ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE ..

at a meeting called for the purpose or in default thereof by such Judge Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regu-

Filing of
Rules and
Regulations,
Memorandum

tions of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersig-

ed being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . . day of March 1905.

{ (Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
„ W. A. ENGLISH
„ SUBRAMANIAM
„ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
„ UPENDRANATH BASU
„ ANNIE BESANT
„ N. D. KHANDALVALA

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the

General
Council

Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. All members of the General

Council shall at all times be Fellows of the Society and not fewer than seven members of this Council shall be resident in India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-

Members of
the General
Council

President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and the General Secretaries of the

component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not fewer than 5 and not more than

12 Additional Members, among whom all past Presidents while in good standing shall automatically have place. Other members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of the Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the

Removal of
General
Council
members and
officers

General Secretaries of National Societies, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not fewer than five members.

4. (a) The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of the Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and a meeting shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

(b) Whenever, at any time or place, a Convention or other function of the Society shall bring together a number of members of the General Council the President at his discretion may call such members to a meeting for the purpose of study and discussion of any matters concerning the Society that he considers appropriate to lay before them. The meeting may then forward to the President its report on such matters and may make recommendations thereon. Such meetings shall be of a consultative nature without administrative or legislative authority, or may be of a legislative nature upon the decision of the General Council taken at least one year in advance.

In the event the President does not himself attend such a meeting he may appoint the Vice-President or some other members of the General Council to preside in his stead.

The President or his Deputy shall give

not less than thirty days' notice of such meeting to all members of the General Council who may be expected to be present at the function that provides occasion for the meeting, but all members of the Council shall have the right to attend.

5. (a) On the request of any member of the General Council any resolution or other item of business proposed by such members shall be placed on the Agenda, and circulated with brief supporting statements, for consideration at the next meeting of the General Council, provided that not less than six months' notice of such resolution or item of business shall be given to the Secretary.

(b) At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

Note: Meetings include adjourned meetings.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of the Society shall preside at all meetings of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the

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Council

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Quorum

Who Shall
Preside

members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President

President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President

President's term of office shall be seven years from the date of assuming office.

10. The procedure for election to the

Election of President office of President shall be as follows:

(a) Seven months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Executive Committee shall appoint a special Committee consisting of three members of the Theosophical Society in good standing including the Secretary, but excluding any candidate for the office of President, to carry out the election procedure as hereinunder detailed.

This Committee shall be known as the Election Committee and shall be answerable only to the Executive Committee.

It shall be automatically dissolved to the declaration of the voting result.

(b) Immediately on its appointment, the Election Committee shall instruct the Secretary to send out to the members of the General Council a written call for nominations for the office of President.

The call for nominations shall be sent by airmail or other expeditious means if airmail be unavailable, followed one week later by a second (duplicate) call.

(c) Any member of the Society in good standing, having been a member for at least ten consecutive years immediately preceding his nomination, may be nominated.

Each member of the General Council

who is a General Secretary, Regional Secretary or Organizing Secretary, shall be entitled to make three nominations and shall consult his Governing Body before making nominations.

The President shall be entitled to make three nominations.

The Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and each Additional Member of the General Council who is not a Regional Secretary or Organizing Secretary shall be entitled to make one nomination.

It shall be the responsibility of the nominator to see that his nomination(s) together with the written consent of the nominee(s) reach the Secretary within ten weeks of the date of the call for nominations.

At the expiration of ten weeks, the Election Committee shall place all the nominations received, together with the relevant papers, before the Executive Committee at a meeting especially convened for the purpose.

At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations.

The three nominees having the highest number of nominations shall alone be qualified to be on the voting list, but if two (or more) nominees qualify for the last place of the voting list, they shall both (or all) be included in the list.

No nominee shall be included in the voting list unless supported by at least twelve nominations.

The names of the nominees who thus qualify for inclusion shall be listed in alphabetical order.

This list, as finalized by the Executive Committee, shall be the voting list and shall not be subject to challenge.

(e) The Secretary shall then immediately communicate in writing by airmail or other expeditious means (followed one week later by a second and duplicate communication) the voting list together

with biographical data of the candidates in accordance with Appendix A to these Rules, to the General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries, and Presidential Representatives and to the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters.

Each General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary and Presidential Representative shall make known the names of the candidates and their biographical data to the members in his area and take the votes in accordance with the instructions in Appendix B to these Rules of the individual members on the rolls of his National Society or area of administration who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations, and shall communicate the result to the Secretary in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B to these Rules.

The Election Committee shall take the votes in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B of these Rules of the members of the Lodges (Branches) and Fellow-at-large attached to Headquarters who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations.

The voting results must reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks of the date of issue of the voting list by him.

If only one name remains on the voting list, the vote shall be taken on a "For" or "Against" ballot.

(f) At the expiration of fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by the Secretary, the voting results shall be totalled by the Election Committee and placed before the Executive Committee.

Within three days of the closing date of voting, the candidate who has received the largest number of votes shall be

declared elected President and shall assume office not later than thirty days thereafter.

In the event of a tie, or of the rejection of a single candidate in a "For" or "Against" ballot, or of a candidate on the voting list dying or being so seriously incapacitated as to be unable to carry out the Presidential duties if elected, after the despatch of the voting list and before the final totalling of votes the nomination and election procedure shall be repeated, commencing within seven days from the notification of the fact to the Secretary, and the President in office or the Vice-President if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President assumes office.

Note: A member is in good standing if his dues have been paid for the last official year to his Section, Regional Association or Presidential Agency or in the case of Lodges (Branches) attached direct to Adyar and Fellows-at-large to the Secretary or Treasurer concerned.

Appendix A: Biographical Data of Presidential Candidates.

Each candidate shall submit to the Secretary biographical data not exceeding two hundred words.

The following information shall be included: (a) date and place of birth (b) education (c) past and present occupations (d) date of joining the Theosophical Society (e) work done for the Theosophical Society.

Other information may be included but must be factual and shall not contain statements of opinion or policy.

The biographical data for circulation shall be drawn up by the Election Committee on the basis of the information supplied by the candidates, and shall be approved by the Executive Committee (excluding any candidates for election) before being issued.

Appendix B: Voting Procedure for a Presidential Election.

Note: Where the term "General Secretary" is used, it refers also to Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, and Presidential Representative. Where the term "Section" is used, it refers also to National Society, Regional Association and Presidential Agency.

(a) The Section shall print the voting papers and biographical data as soon as the names of the nominees are announced.

Where practicable, in the view of the General Secretary, all the papers should be in the language(s) of the area.

It shall be the responsibility of the General Secretary, to ensure that the voting papers together with the biographical data in full are sent to each member.

Other material concerning the candidates shall not be circulated.

(b) The voting paper shall consist of two parts: the voting slip, and the letter form which the member signs and addresses to the General Secretary.

Each member shall be given two envelopes, a small one in which he will place only the voting slip and seal it, and a larger one addressed to the General Secretary, in which he will enclose the small sealed envelope and the letter form signed by him.

(c) As the papers are received, the General Secretary, with the scrutineers appointed by the Executive Committee of the Section (preferably not members of that committee), shall open the larger envelopes addressed to him to ensure the validity of the votes by checking the eligibility of the voter who has signed the letter form.

He shall then put the small sealed envelopes containing the voting slips into a sealed box.

This box shall be opened on the ap-

pointed day by the scrutineers. Voting papers received after this date shall be treated as invalid and shall be destroyed unopened.

The scrutineers shall open the small envelopes and count the votes given to each candidate (or the number of "For" or "Against" votes if there is but one candidate).

(d) The General Secretary shall record the result of the count on Form C which will be supplied from the Secretary's Office at the same time as the list to be voted upon.

He shall place Form C in the small envelope labelled "Voting Result.... Section", seal the envelope and enclose it in the larger envelope addressed to the Secretary.

This must be sent by air-mail or other expeditious means to reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by him.

(e) The small envelope containing the voting results of the Section shall be kept unopened in a sealed box by the Secretary until the close of voting.

It shall then be opened by the Election Committee.

The larger envelope shall be kept separately and shall not be destroyed until after the voting results are announced, and under the authority of the Executive Committee.

(f) If the voting returns have not been received by the Secretary within twelve weeks of the date of issue of the voting list by him, he shall cable the General Secretary concerned, informing him of this fact.

The General Secretary shall immediately send to the Secretary by air-mail or other expeditious means a second (duplicate) voting return in a sealed envelope marked "Duplicate".

Cabled results will not be accepted.

Voting results received after the closing date will be destroyed unopened by the Secretary in the presence of three members of the Executive Committee, nominated by the said Committee, and the particulars of the Section from which the voting results were received and the date on which they were received, shall be recorded in writing, and the Secretary and the three members of the Executive Committee shall affix their signatures thereto.

11. (a) Within three months of assuming office the President shall nominate the Vice-President subject to confirmation by the General Council. His term of office shall be at the discretion of the President but when the Vice-President has been three years in office that office shall become vacant by the passage of time and the President, within three months, shall again make a nomination and submit it to the General Council. Notwithstanding this provision the Vice-President shall remain in office and his term shall continue until a successor has been nominated and confirmed. The Vice-President in office may be renominated. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of the Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President,

the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The Secretary and such subordinate officials as are necessary shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at its next meeting, the newly appointed officials not being present or voting. The Executive Committee may remove any of these appointees, by a vote of three-fourths of the whole number of its members. In this event, the President shall make a new appointment.

13. The President shall nominate the Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council for a period of three years. In the event of an emergency, the President may appoint an acting Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Committee until such time as the General Council can confirm a new Treasurer in accordance with the procedure laid down above. The Treasurer may be removed from office by the General Council or by a vote of three-fourths of the number of members of the Executive Committee. In such an event, the President shall nominate a new Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council.

14. (a) The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year or until its next Annual Meeting, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The

Appointment
of other
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Removal of
appointees
from office

Appointment
of Executive
Committee

President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by co-option.

(b) The General Council may delegate to the Executive Committee any of its powers and authority in the management of the business and affairs of the Society except:

1. The power to amend or repeal the Rules;

2. The power to borrow money and incur indebtedness;

3. Such powers as are specifically reserved to the President.

The Executive Committee shall have such powers as are delegated to it by the General Council and as are specified in the Rules. The Executive Committee may recommend to the General Council programmes, policies or activities, but it may not initiate projects requiring major funds not within the current approved budget.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not fewer than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the

meeting and in case of equality of vote: the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of the Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of the Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of the Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Secretary, the receipt of any of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of The Society shall be deposited in the State Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by any two of the following, the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and any other persons appointed by the President for the purpose under Rule 12.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of the Society beyond India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the

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Deposits,
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Power of
attorney

Meetings of
Executive
Committee

Quorum of
Executive
Committee

Chairman of
Executive
Committee

Attorneys of the Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of the Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of the Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscription, donations, legacies, moneys and other property, movable or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to sub-delegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) The funds of the Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public Securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages in such property.

(c) The Adyar Estate of the Society in Madras including the Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(d) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of the Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21(c).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to the Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society with the signature of the President and of the Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of the Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Note: The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of the Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed,

Transfer of
investments
and other
property

Affixing of
Seal,
Signatures

Transfer of
movable
property

Investments

Disposal of
Adyar Estate

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to affix Seal

and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

HEADQUARTERS

26. Headquarters of the Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion or premises in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period.

ORGANIZATION

28. Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of eighteen shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian, and shall have no right to vote until they have reached the age of eighteen years.

29. (a) Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge (Branch), the General Secretary of a National Society or, through the Secretary; and a Diploma (Certificate) of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Secretary.

(b) The date of membership will begin:

(i) When admission has been made through the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, or Presidential Representative from the date of acceptance by the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary or Presidential Representative as entered by him and duly reported to the Secretary at Adyar.

(ii) When admission has been made through the Secretary, from the date of acceptance of the application by him, and so recorded in his office.

(c) Members may not be full members of more than one Lodge (Branch) at a time, but may be accepted as Affiliated or Honorary Members of Lodges (Branches) other than the one in which they are full members. Affiliated or Honorary Members may possess such rights and privileges as are accorded to them by the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold such membership, but they shall not be founder members of new Lodges (Branches), but if a member becomes a founder member of a new Lodge (Branch), he must become a full member of such Lodge (Branch) and shall relinquish full membership in any other Lodge

(Branch). Affiliated or Honorary Members are not to be counted in the international records or vote in international elections other than through the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold full membership.

30. Lodges (Branches) and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge (Branch), residing within the territory of a National Society, shall normally belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the consent of the General Secretaries concerned a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another National Society as an Affiliated or Honorary Member, but he shall not cast a vote in matters relating to the Theosophical Society in the National Society in which he is an Affiliated or Honorary Member.

When a National Society under its own rules provides for Life Membership in that National Society, such Life Membership shall no longer be effective where a Member resides in the territory of or transfers his membership to another National Society, unless the specific approval of the General Secretaries concerned has been granted.

31. (a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the

Lodges and Fellows within the territory of a National Society but attached direct to Adyar or to another National Society

General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge (Branch), for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge (Branch) may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible.

Before any Lodge (Branch) shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after

that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge (Branch) belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge (Branch) vote in favor thereof.

(d) In the event of any undue delay in the transmission of any application under any of the foregoing provisions of this Rule, a correct copy of such application (duly signed or otherwise authenticated) may be transmitted directly to the President by the fellow or Lodge (Branch) concerned, and the President may act on such copy if in his absolute discretion it appears to him to be fit or proper that he should so act. Any action so taken by the President shall be as valid and effectual, for all purposes, as if it had been taken on the original application submitted for transmission to the President. The Fellow or Lodge (Branch), when forwarding such copy to the President directly, shall state the full grounds and reasons for the direct transmission.

32. Lodges (Branches) or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas (Certificates) directly to the Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge (Branch). In a country where no National Society

exists the application must be forwarded to the President of the Society through the Secretary.

Three or more members, but less than seven, may apply for certification as an Official Study Centre, but such Official Study Centres shall not be considered as units to be counted in application for the formation of a National Society.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Secretary, and the Seal of the Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of the Society.

35. (a) A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) consisting of at least 70 members of the Society in good standing.

(b) Upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) in areas which are territorially adjacent and in which there are not sufficient Lodges (Branches) for each national group to form a National Society, the President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a Charter constituting such Lodges (Branches) into a Section. The Charter shall confer the same powers as one issued to a National Society. In all respects the rules applying to National Societies shall apply to any group of Lodges (Branches) holding a Charter under this rule.

(c) The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a certificate of Regional Association to any national or territorially adjacent group of Lodges (Branches) not sufficient in

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number or otherwise unable to form or to maintain a National Society, as defined in these Rules, or where in his judgment territorial division or other causes have made such Regional Association necessary or desirable. Any such Regional Association may elect an Organizing Secretary or other executive officer or officers for the purpose of further organization and the transaction of business.

A Regional Association shall not appoint a General Secretary (as the term is used in these Rules) nor be represented on the General Council. In all other respects the Rules applicable to National Societies and to General Secretaries shall apply to Regional Associations and to their chief executives.

(d) The President shall have authority at his discretion to appoint and to withdraw appointments of Presidential Representatives to act under his instructions for the purposes of conducting the business and administration of the Society in any place and in any respect not inconsistent with these Rules. Each such appointment and the power delegated to each such Representative shall be evidenced by a Letter of Appointment referring to this Rule.

36. All Charters of National Societies or Lodges (Branches) and all Diplomas (Certificates) of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below seventy and the number of Lodges (Branches) falls below five, the General Council shall then call upon the President to withdraw its Charter.

37. Each Lodge (Branch) and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the National Society to which the Lodge (Branch) belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges (Branches) and National Societies and amendments thereto shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows: In the case of a Lodge (Branch) belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society; in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not situated within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31(c) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the President.

All Rules and amendments shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgement of their receipt.

If by a change made in a Rule of The Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge (Branch) which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge (Branch) shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society.

Rules of
Lodges and
National
Societies

Appointment
of Presidential
Representatives

Authority of
Charters and
Diplomas

Minimum
number of
members for
National
Society

38. Every National Society shall appoint or otherwise select a **General Secretary** General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

39. The **Annual Report** General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of "The . . . Section of The T.S." before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

FINANCE

41. The **Fees and Subscriptions** President, Secretary and Treasurer shall together have the power to fix or vary fees and charges payable to the General Treasury by Lodges (Branches) not comprised within the limits of any National Society: for Charters of such Lodge (Branches); for Diplomas (Certificates) of Membership and for Annual subscription of Fellows of such Lodges (Branches); and in the case of Lodges (Branches) comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, Regional Association or Presidential Agency for Charters when printed at or supplied by the Adyar Headquarters. The Secretary should inform the General Council within three months of any

changes in fees and charges. The Annual Subscription of Fellows other than Fellows-at-large or members of Lodges (Branches) attached directly to Adyar shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society to which such Fellows are attached, or equivalents.

42. Fellows-at-large, resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31(a) shall pay to the General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the by-laws or other regulations of such National Society, but not less than the fee and subscription fixed for a Fellow-at-large not resident within the territory of a National Society.

Fellows-at-large, not resident within the territory of a National Society, shall pay such Entrance Fee, Diploma Fee and Annual Subscription as shall be fixed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary shall inform the General Council of any changes in such fees within three months of their being made.

43. (a) Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury fifteen per cent of the total amount of fees payable by members to the Section and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of March of the current year, and the financial year of the Society shall close on 31st March.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 41(a) and Rule 42, the President at his discretion may authorize Presidential Representatives to collect dues in territories to which they have been appointed and to remit in accordance with Rule 43 (a).

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge (Branch), the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge (Branch), granted by the President, shall *ipso facto* become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas (Certificates), Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge (Branch) shall vest as follows:

(a) in the Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) coming under Rule 31 (c) (except where the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge (Branch) is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided) and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge (Branch) is situated, in the case of a Lodge (Branch) within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge (Branch) not coming under Rule 31 (c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge (Branch) whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the name, motto, or seal of the Society except for the purpose of vesting in the Society or in the National Society, as the case may be, the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge (Branch).

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge (Branch), as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges (Branches) being not fewer than seven in number, or to other Fellows being not less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interest of the Society.

In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in the Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge (Branch) whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which the Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to the Society.

45. The financial accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

MEETING

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held at such time and in such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year, but such Annual General Meeting or Convention must be held within six months of the close of the

Society's year and may be held outside India not more than once in every three years. National Societies desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation at least twelve months prior to the Convention with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. Not more than once in every seven **World** years a **World Congress** The Theosophical Society may be held at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention.

48. The President shall have the **Special meetings** power to convene special meetings of the Society at his discretion.

REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own **Changes in Rules and Regulations** motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three month's notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of the Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

50. The General Council may frame **By-laws** by-laws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such by-laws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

DIRECTORY

AT

1 JANUARY 1980

Ex-Officio Members of General Council

Vice-President: MR. SURENDRA NARAYAN

Secretary: DR. (MRS.) JEAN RAYMOND

Treasurer: MR. C. R. N. SWAMY

National Societies, Federations and Presidential Agencies

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1886	United States	... Mrs. Dora Kunz	... P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois 60187
1888	England	... Miss Marion Caws	... 50, Gloucester Place, London, W1H 3HJ
1891	India	... Mr. H. B. Vaishnav	... The Theosophical Society, Varanasi 221001
1895	Australia	... Mrs. Elaine Murdoch	... 121 Walker Street, North Sydney, N.S.W. 2060
1895	Sweden	... Mr. Gunnar Larson	... Lars Kaggsatan 36 C, S-415 04 Gothenburg
1896	New Zealand	... Mrs. Mavis Hardy	... 18, Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland 3
1897	Netherlands, The	... Mr. Arend Heybroek	... 7 Kruisstraat, Utrecht—2502
1899	France	... Mrs. Françoise Caracostea	... 4, Square Rapp, 75007 Paris
1902	Italy	... Sgr. Edoardo Bratina	... 34131 Trieste, Via E. Toti 3, (Post Box 1252)
1902	Germany, West	... Mrs. Gerda Höfer	... Holbeinstrasse 16, D-2800 Bremen 1
1905	Cuba	... Sr. Juan Bautista Rodriguez Oliva	... P.O. Box 6365, Havana
1907	Finland	... Miss Sirkka Kivilinna	... Vironkatu 7c2, 00170, Helsinki 17
1909	Southern Africa	... Mrs. A. M. G. Bischoff	... P.O. Box 863, Johannesburg, South Africa
1910	Scotland	... Mr. James G. Mitchell	... 15 Bingham Crescent, Milltimber, Aberdeen, ABI OHP
1910	Switzerland	... Mr. Ricco Streiff	... Hauensteinstrasse 128, 4059, Basel
1911	Belgium	... Monsieur Ch. Lallemand	... 75/5 Avenue J. Bordet, 72 Bte 5, B 1140, Bruxelles
1912	Indonesia	... Mr. R. S. Soejatno	... Jalan Tawakkal, IX/3, Grogol, Jakarta
1912	Burma	... U Maung Gyi	... No. 102, 49th Street, East Rangoon
1912	Austria	... Mr. Julius Fleischanderl	... c/o Theosophische Gesellschaft, Kaiserfeldgasse 19, A-8010 Graz
1913	Norway	... Mrs. Hilda Fraser	... Gabels Gate 45 B, Oslo 2
1918	Denmark	... Mr. Hardy Bennis	... Banevej 3, Hyllested, 4261 Dalmose
1919	* Ireland, N.	... Mr. Antonio Rodriguez	... Gateway House, 242 Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 2AR

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1919	Mexico	... Mr. Alfonso Morales	... Ignacio Mariscal 126, Mexico 1, D.F.
1919	Canada	... Mr. Ted Davy	... 2307 Sovereign Crescent S.W., Calgary, Alberta T3C 2M3
1920	Argentina	... Sr. Juan Cassibba	... Florencio Balcarce 71, Buenos Aires
1920	Chile	... Mr. Mauricio Froimovich	... Casilla 3603, Santiago
1920	Brazil	... Dr. Murillo Nunes de Azevedo	... Rua Imperatriz Leopoldina, 8, 17° andar, Rio de Janeiro 20000
1921	Iceland	... Mr. Birgir Bjarnason	... Ingolfsstraeti 22, Reykjavik
1921	Spain	... Sr. S. Torra Palà	... Layetana 77, Barcelona 10
1921	Portugal	... Dr. Maria Nobre Santos	... Campo Mártires da Pátria 69, Lisbon 1
1922	Wales	... Mr. Charles E. M. James	... 206 Newport Rd., Cardiff CF2 1DL
1924	* Canada	... Dr. C. Ton Phan	... 874 Hartland, Outremont, Quebec H2V 2X8
1925	Uruguay	... Sr. Justo V. de la Vega	... J. Barrios Amorin St., 1085, Montevideo
1925	Puerto Rico	... Dr. Renée Force	... Cond. El Escorial Apt. 5-C, 111, Franklin D. Roosevelt Ave., Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 0017
1925	Yugoslavia	... Mr. Emilio Trampuz	... Proleterskih Brigada 226F, Zagreb
1926	Sri Lanka	... Mr. T. R. Rustomjee	... 23/44 Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7
1928	Greece	... Mr. C. Melissaropoulos	... Dragatsaniou Street 6, Athens 122
1929	Central America	... Sr. Julio Cesar Guillen	... Colonia Miramonte, Avenida Tecana 632, San Salvador, El Salvador
1933	Philippines, The	... Mrs. Cleo Z. Gregorio	... 600 La Salle, Greenhills, Mandalu- yong, Metromanilla
1937	Colombia	... Sr. Gabriel Burgos	... Carrera 6a, No. 56-40, Bogotá
1947	East & Central Africa	... Mr. H. D. Shah	... P.O. Box 671, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania
1948	† Pakistan	... Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla	... "Q" House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi-0402
1948	† Malaysia	... Mr. S. Narayanan	... 12, Lorong Damansarah Endah, Kuala Lumpur
1949	† Northern Ireland...	... Mr. Antonio Rodriguez	... Gateway House, 242 Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 2AR
1950	Israel	...	... P.O. Box 1822, Tel-Aviv (pro tem)
1952	Viet-Nam	... Miss Luu-Thi-Dau	... 446 Vo-di-Nguy, Bd., Phu-Nhuan, Ho Chi Minh City
1953	† Venezuela	... Sr. Pablo Bonilla T.	... Apartado 2907, Caracas
1956	* West Africa	... Mr. Isaac K. Zaney	... P.O. Box 720, Accra, Ghana
1965	† Bolivia	... Sr. Raul Laguna Lozada	... Casilla 148, La Paz
European Federation (of National Societies in Europe, formed 1903)		... Mrs. M. Leslie-Smith	... 2, Tekels Park, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 2LF, England
Inter-American Theo- sophical Federation		... Mr. Juan Vinas	... Florencio Balcarce 71, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Indo-Pacific Theo- sophical Federation		... Mrs. Elaine Murdoch	... 121, Walker Street, North Sydney, N. S. W. 2060, Australia
World Theosophical Youth Federation		... Mr. Arnaldo Sisson Filho	... Caixa Postal 10,369 Porto Alegre, 90,000, Brazil

Additional Members of the General Council

- MRS. RUKMINI DEVI ARUNDALE, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600020, India (for 1979, 1980 and 1981).
- MR. GEOFFREY HODSON, 17 Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland 3, New Zealand (for 1980, 1981 and 1982).
- MRS. GOOL K. MINWALLA, 'Q' House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi 4, Pakistan (for 1980, 1981 and 1982).
- MR. JAMES S. PERKINS, 29 Taormina Lane, Taormina, Ojai, California 93023, U.S.A. (for 1978, 1979 and 1980).
- MR. K. N. RAMANATHAN, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600020, India (for 1979, 1980 and 1981).
- DR. HUGH SHEARMAN, 36 Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT 146 JY, United Kingdom (for 1978, 1979 and 1980).
- MR. V. WALLACE SLATER, 55 Southfields, Hendon, London, NW4 4LX England (for 1978, 1979 and 1980).
- MR. SEYMOUR BALLARD, 73, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, OX-14-3 AE, England (for 1980, 1981 and 1982).
- MRS. EMILY SELLON, 949, Forest Ave., Rye, N.Y., U.S.A. (for 1978, 1979 and 1980).
- MRS. RADHA BURNIER, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600020, India. (for 1979, 1980 and 1981)
- MISS JOY MILLS, No. 22, Krotona Hill, Ojai, California 93023, U.S.A. (for 1980, 1981 and 1982).

SUMMARY

Of the Minutes of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held at Adyar on 24th, 26th, 31st December 1979 and 1st January 1980.

PRESENT

Miss Joy Mills	.. Vice-President (in the Chair), and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in France, New Zealand, Ireland, and Austria, and for Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, Additional Member.
Dr. Jean Raymond	.. Secretary and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Australia, Italy, Argentina, Brazil and Viet Nam.
Mr. C. R. N. Swamy	.. Treasurer and Proxy for the General Secretary of the T.S. in Burma.
Mrs. Dora Kunz	.. General Secretary of the T.S. in America.
Mr. H. B. Vaishnav	.. General Secretary of the T.S. in India.
Miss Marion Caws	.. General Secretary of the T.S. in England and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Sweden and Wales and for Mr. Seymour Ballard, Additional Member.
Mr. R. S. Soejatno	.. General Secretary of the T.S. in Indonesia.
Mr. H. D. Shah	.. General Secretary of the T.S. in East and Central Africa.
Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale	.. Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretary of the T.S. in the Netherlands.
Mrs. Radha Burnier	.. Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Germany, Belgium and Finland, and for Mrs. Ann Greene and Mr. V. Wallace Slater, Additional Members.
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan	.. Additional Member.
Mrs. Emily Sellon	.. Additional Member.
Mr. Surendra Narayan	.. Observer (Vice-President-elect).
Mr. Gavin Laurie	.. Observer (New Zealand).
Mr. Manfred Mey	.. Observer (Germany).
Mrs. Theja Gunawardhana	.. Observer (Sri Lanka).

Miss Joy Mills reported that because the serious illness of the President prevented him from fulfilling the duties of his office, the Executive Committee, in accordance with Rule 11 (a) of the Rules and Regulations of the Society, had instructed her to carry out the executive functions of the President.

To confirm voting on the following:

Election of Mr. Surendra Narayan as Vice-President for the years 1980, 1981 and 1982.

For	Against	Abstaining	Total
44	Nil	Nil	44

The election of Mr. Surendra Narayan as International Vice-President from 1st January 1980, was confirmed.

To read and, if approved, to adopt the Minutes of the Meetings of the General Council held on 25th and 31st December, 1978, and 1st January 1979 at Varanasi and 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th January 1979 at Adyar. Also to read and, if approved, to adopt the Minutes of the Consultative Meeting of the General Council held in the last week of March 1979 at Villa Carlos Paz, Argentina.

The Minutes were adopted.

Matters arising out of Minutes.

Educational Programmes:

Miss Joy Mills, retiring Director of the Centre of Theosophical Studies and Research, Adyar, reported on successful seminars held recently at the Centre. It had been found that the short intensive seminars were favoured by the students.

Affiliation with United Nations:

Mrs. Emily Sellon reported on information she had obtained from the United Nations Headquarters in New York concerning possible relationships for the Society with the U.N. or one of its subsidiary bodies. If the Society was interested in obtaining consultative status as a Non-Governmental Organization, it appeared that the two most appropriate U.N. bodies to whom it should apply were ECOSOC and UNESCO.

The matter was discussed at length and it was agreed that there were serious questions to be resolved within the framework of the Society's Objects and their application before the Society may apply to UNESCO for any status. The problem faced by Sections in trying to function within Government policies which may be contrary to the Society's Objects was discussed. It was agreed that the General Council should consider what position it is to take in the circumstances.

Theosophical Magazines:

The Theosophist:

It was reported that a questionnaire had been sent to a number of the subscribers of *The Theosophist*. In the replies there was overwhelming support for retaining the magazine as a monthly rather than making it a quarterly. After discussion it was agreed that the material in "Theosophists in Action" and "Donations" be transferred from *The Theosophist* to the *Adyar Newsletter*.

International Committee on Science and Technology:

The Chairman reported on the activities of the Committee. The Journal *Theosophy/Science* is still being issued on behalf of the Committee by the Theosophical Research Centre, London.

International Theosophical Youth Centre:

It was reported that Mr. Emilio Trampuz returned to Yugoslavia early in 1979 and the work of Coordinator was undertaken by Mrs. Tomi Stewart. It was agreed that

the Youth Centre be continued and that an allocation of Rs. 5,000 be made for the expenses of the Centre for the year 1980, to cover an allowance of Rs. 250 per month for the Co-ordinator, plus postage and other incidentals.

To confirm voting on the following:

Election of four Additional Members for the years 1980, 1981 and 1982.

The results of voting were as follows:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
Mr. Seymour D. Ballard	44	—	2	46
Mr. Geoffrey Hodson	41	1	4	46
Miss Joy Mills	46	—	—	46
Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla	44	—	2	46

The above four Additional Members were declared elected.

Amendments to Rules:

(i) *Rule 4 (b) 1, last sentence:*

“Such meetings shall be of a consultative nature without administrative or legislative authority, or may be of a legislative nature upon the decision of the Council taken at least one year in advance.” (*amendment in italics*)

The results of the voting were as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
26	—	—	26

The Amendment was adopted, having received the required number of votes.

(ii) *Rule 10*

Amendment of the following clauses of Rule 10 as hereunder (*amendments in italics*):

[5] “(b) Immediately on its appointment, the Election Committee shall instruct the Secretary to send out to the members of the General Council a written call for nominations for the office of President.”

[24] “Within three days of the closing date of voting, the candidate who has received the largest number of votes shall be declared elected President and shall assume office *not later than thirty days thereafter*.”

[33] “Where practicable *in the view of the General Secretary*, all the papers should be in the language(s) of the area.”

[36] “(b) The voting paper *shall* consist of two parts: the voting slip, and the letter form which the member signs and addresses to the General Secretary.”

[37] “Each member *shall* be given two envelopes, a small one in which he will place only the voting slip and seal it, and a larger one addressed to the General Secretary, in which he will enclose the small sealed envelope and the letter form signed by him.”

[38] “(c) As the papers are received, the General Secretary, *with the scrutineers appointed by the Executive Committee of the Section (preferably not members of that committee)*, shall open the larger envelopes addressed to him. . .”

[40] "This box *shall* be opened on the appointed day by the scrutineers. *Voting papers received after this date shall be treated as invalid and shall be destroyed unopened.*"

[41] "The scrutineers *shall* open the small envelopes and count the votes given to each candidate (or the number of "For" or "Against" votes if there is but one candidate)."

For all the above clauses the voting was as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
26	—	—	26

The amendments were adopted, having received the required number of votes.

World Congress 1982:

It was reported that a venue had been chosen for the proposed World Congress in Nairobi, Kenya, in 1982. The East and Central African Section had already made a provisional booking of the Conference Centre. It was reiterated that holding a World Congress in Africa would stimulate the work in that part of the world which was still relatively untouched by Theosophy.

However several of the members present at the meeting stated that it would be too expensive for many members to attend both functions because of the increasing cost of travel. It was agreed to circulate to all members of the General Council for their views as to whether preparations should continue for holding the Congress in 1982 or whether it should be postponed to a time and place to be determined later.

Adyar Estate:

The Chairman reported on matters concerned with administration and staff. Because of financial constraints the management had attempted to reduce the establishment. A number of workers had formed themselves into a union because of anxiety that they may lose their jobs and for other reasons. Various measures were taken to effect economies without disturbing the work to any great extent.

Kotagiri Properties:

The Chairman reported on the management and problems associated with the property in Kotagiri. At present the Society owns three adjacent bungalows. A fourth one at present owned and occupied by Miss Gladys Taylor has been bequeathed jointly to the Society and to a T.S. Lodge in England.

In accordance with the Rules and Regulations, the President with the consent of the Executive Committee has the authority to dispose of immovable property outside the Adyar Estate and a decision had been taken to sell the properties. The General Council expressed support of the President's and Executive Committee's decision.

The Chairman placed on record the death of the President, Mr. John Coats, on 26th December 1979. She reported that an Emergency Meeting of the Executive Committee had been held on 27th December to put into effect the provisions of Rule 10. An Election Committee had been appointed, consisting of the Secretary, Mr. Surendra Narayan and Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan.

The call for nominations for the office of President would be going out to all General Council Members.

The Chairman also reported the illness of the Secretary, Dr. Jean Raymond, which would prevent her from attending the remaining Council Meetings. Miss Marion Caws and Mr. K. N. Ramanathan would act as Minutes Secretaries.

Matters arising out of Minutes (Continued):

Amendments to Rules: report of Committee on Structure and Procedures:

(i) *Rule 29(c), Second Sentence:*

It was agreed that the amendment as proposed in the report of the Committee on Structure and Procedures be recommended to the Council for inclusion. The addition to Rule 29(c) second sentence reads "... *but if a member becomes a founder member of a new Lodge (Branch), he must become a full member of such Lodge (Branch) and shall relinquish full membership in any other Lodge (Branch).*" The amendment is to be circulated for voting.

(ii) *Rule 30, Para 2:*

It was agreed to circulate for voting the following addition to para 2: "... belong to another National Society *as an Affiliated or Honorary Member, but he shall not cast a vote in matters relating to the Theosophical Society in the National Society in which he is an Affiliated or Honorary Member.*"

(iii) *Rule 36, Para 1:*

The proposed addition by the Committee on Structure and Procedures was discussed: "... Charters of Lodges (Branches) within the jurisdiction of National Societies, Sections, or Regional Association may be withdrawn and the activities of such Lodge (Branch) suspended by the General Secretary or Regional Secretary while the cancellation of the Charter is under consideration by the President."

Several members of the Council had strongly expressed the view that National Society Executive Committees must have the right to cancel Lodge Charters, not merely to withdraw them. However, there should be a possibility of review or appeal on request to the President from the concerned Lodge (Branch).

It was agreed that the matter needed further consideration and should be referred back to the Committee on Structure and Procedures. The question of the cancellation of Membership diplomas should also be studied.

(iv) *Rule 36, 2:*

The Amendment circulated for voting in 1978 was as follows:

"If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below 70 and the number of Lodges (Branches) falls below 5, the General Council shall then call upon the President to withdraw its Charter." (*amendments in italics*)

The voting on the amendment had been as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
26	7	—	33

As a sufficient number of members had voted for adoption of the amendment, it was agreed that the decision of the vote should be implemented and the amendment brought into effect. Two votes were recorded against: Wales (through Miss Marion Caws, proxy) and Ireland (Miss Joy Mills, proxy).

The opinion of small Sections was recognised and respected. However it was considered that the Theosophical work may proceed equally effectively whether a national group has the status of a National Society, Regional Association or Presidential Agency. The legal status of a national group need not be affected by an internal change of status within the Society. In most cases the name of the corporation can remain the same.

Definition of Study Centres and inclusion in the Rules:

The Committee on Structure and Procedures proposed an addition to Rule 33 as follows:

"Three or more members, but less than seven, may apply for certification as an Official Study Centre, but such Official Study Centre shall not be considered as units to be counted in applications for the formation of a National Society."

It was agreed that the proposed amendment be circulated to the Council for voting.

To consider Resolution on amendments to Rules 12 and 13 of the Rules and Regulations submitted by members of the General Council: Seymour Ballard, Radha Burnier, Marion E. Caws, Charles James and V. Wallace Slater:

It was agreed to circulate for voting the proposed amendment to Rule 12 as follows:

"The Secretary and such subordinate officials as are necessary shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at its next meeting, the newly appointed officials not being present or voting. The Executive Committee may remove any of these appointees, by a vote of three-fourths of the whole number of its members. In this event, the President shall make a new appointment." (amendment in italics)

The amendment to Rule 13 was considered. It was agreed that as the Treasurer administers the finances of the Society, he should be responsible to the General Council and be an appointee of the Council.

After discussion the proposed amendment to Rule 13 was revised as follows:

"The President shall nominate the Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council, for a period of three years. In the event of an emergency, the President may appoint an acting Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Committee until such time as the General Council can confirm a new Treasurer in accordance with the procedure laid down above. The Treasurer may be removed from office by the General Council or by a vote of three-fourths of the whole number of members of the Executive Committee. In such an event, the President shall nominate a new Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council."

The revised amendment is to be circulated for voting.

To consider whether members other than General Council members may be appointed as Proxies at Council meetings (Matter raised at meeting at Villa Carlos Paz):

After discussion it was agreed that members other than General Council members should not be appointed as proxies at Council meetings. However, a statement such as the following may be circulated by the Secretary together with the Agenda for the meetings: "If a member of your Section is to be present at the meetings as an observer, he may be duly authorised by the General Secretary to participate in the discussions and may be invited by the Chairman to be present, but he will not be entitled to vote. The authorization must be in writing."

To consider Kern Foundation memorandum on educational programmes development of Krotona Institute; relationship between Centre of Theosophical Studies and Research, Adyar and Krotona School.

The memorandum from the Kern Foundation concerning the Krotona Institute and its relation to the international educational programmes was considered. It was pointed out that the Krotona Institute may develop programmes which will help other parts of the Theosophical world, and that scholarships may be provided for individuals from other countries. There was some discussion concerning possible programmes including a programme to clarify the nature of the Theosophical doctrines.

To receive the report of the Non-English Publications Fund Committee for the year ending 30th September 1979; to appoint the Committee for 1980:

The report of the Committee was received. The Committee was re-appointed with Miss Joy Mills as Vice-Chairman. The members of the Committee are as follows:

President	- Chairman
Miss Joy Mills	- Vice-Chairman
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan	- Manager, T.P.H., Adyar
Mr. Clarence Pederson	- Publications Manager, T.P.H., Wheaton
Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith	- Chairman, European Federation
Miss Ianthe Hoskins	- Representative, T.P.H., London
Mr. Juan Viñas	- President, Inter-American Federation

To receive the report of the Committee on Structure and Procedures; to appoint the Committee for 1980:

The Report of the Committee on Structure and Procedures was received. The Committee for 1980 was appointed as follows:

President	- Chairman
Mr. Surendra Narayan	- Vice-Chairman, (Acting Chairman until the election of the President)
Dr. Jean Raymond	- Secretary (ex-officio)
Mrs. Radha Burnier	
Dr. Murillo Nunes de Azevedo	
Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith	
Miss Joy Mills	
Mrs. Emily Sellon	
Dr. Hugh Shearman	

Although Mr. Surendra Narayan assumed the duties of Vice-President, he requested Miss Joy Mills to conduct the remaining sessions.

To appoint the Finance Committees for 1980:

The following International Finance Committee was constituted for one year until the election of a new Committee by the General Council at its next meeting:

President	- <i>Ex-officio</i>
Mr. Surendra Narayan	- <i>Vice-President (Chairman)</i>
Mr. V. Wallace Slater	
Miss Joy Mills	
Mr. Arend Heybroek	

Headquarters Finance Committee:

It was resolved to appoint the following to the Headquarters Finance Committee for a period of one year:

President	}	- <i>Ex-officio</i>
Vice-President		
Secretary		
Treasurer		
General Manager		
Mr. N. Anantanarayanan	-	<i>Auditor</i>
Mrs. Radha Burnier	-	<i>Executive Committee Member</i>
Mr. K. Visvanathan	-	<i>Executive Committee Member</i>

To consider the Treasurer's Report and to pass the Accounts for the year ending 31st March 1979:

The Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st March 1979 was considered and adopted. The accounts for the year ending 31st March 1979 were considered and passed.

To adopt the Revised Budget for the year ending 31st March 1980 and the Budget for the year ending 31st March 1981:

The Revised Budget for the year ending 31st March 1980 was considered and adopted.

The Budget for the year ending 31st March 1981 was adopted.

In adopting the Budget for the year ending 31st March 1981, the Council made a strong recommendation to the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee to hold the deficit for the year to within Rs. 1,25,000.

To appoint Auditors for the year ending 31st March 1981:

It was resolved to re-appoint M/s Naganathan & Co. as Auditors for the year ending 31st March 1981 on the same terms as in the current year.

Any other business:

(a) *To consider the setting up of an Adyar Endowment Fund:*

It was resolved that a fund be set up as a permanent endowment for the work of the International Headquarters at Adyar. The late President had strongly supported

the formation of such a fund in commemoration of the Centenary in 1982 of the establishment of the Headquarters at Adyar.

(b) *Raja Commemorative Fund:*

It was pointed out that the Raja Commemorative Fund, set up to finance international lecturers, was held in India and the money was not available for use outside the country owing to Government restrictions. The Council decided that the fund be utilised for financing lecturing within India by international lecturers.

To receive the Report of the Executive Committee for the year ending 31st October 1979:

The report of the Executive Committee was received and discussed.

To appoint the Executive Committee for 1980:

The following members were appointed to the Executive Committee for 1980:

President	}	- Ex-officio
Vice-President		
Secretary		
Treasurer		
Mrs. Radha Burnier		- General Council Member
Mr. John Clarke		
Mr. R. Gopalaratnam		
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan		- General Council Member
Mr. Ch. Sankar Rao		
Mr. K. Visvanathan		

Matters Arising out of Minutes (continued):

(a) *Objects of the Society; preamble; report of the Committee on Structure and Procedures:*

Mrs. Emily Sellon raised the point that tax authorities gave tax exemption to certain categories of organizations such as religious, philanthropic or charitable. The Objects of the Theosophical Society were framed in such terms that the Society did not fall naturally within any particular category and it was very difficult to obtain exemption.

It was stated that U.S.A., Australia, England and some other countries had this problem. Australia had overcome the problem by incorporating a preamble to the Objects in its Memorandum of Association.

After discussion Mrs. Sellon was requested to draft a statement which would go with the Objects of the Society, and which would be presented to tax authorities in stating the Society's case for tax exemption. This statement, which could be in the nature of a preamble to the Objects, should be circulated to the various Sections of the Society for opinion. It was suggested that the statement could be adapted if necessary by individual National Societies to meet their particular conditions. The unique character of the Society's work had to be established by the statement. The matter should be placed on the Agenda at the next meeting of the Council.

It was agreed that General Secretaries be asked their view on the problem in the light of conditions in their countries and to send an extract of the relevant law so that it may be studied. This would assist in the drafting of a preamble.

Any other business (continued):

Widening of Besant Avenue:

It was reported that the Society had been approached by the Madras Corporation which wished to acquire a small strip of land adjoining Besant Avenue. The Council agreed to accede to the request of the Madras Corporation for the strip of land and empowered the Executive Committee to negotiate with the Corporation on adequate compensation.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1979

National Sections (Active) ..	42			No. of	No. of
Presidential Agencies (Active)	4			Ledges	Members
Regional Associations formed under Rule 35(c) ..	3				
Total Lodges ..	1,108				
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Total Membership 1978 ..	34,479				
Total Membership 1979 ..	33,388				
		Decrease	1,091		
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	No. of	No. of			
	Lodges	Members			
1. United States of America ..	84	5,004			
2. Argentina ..	44	772			
3. Australia ..	13	1,231			
4. Austria ..	4	247			
5. Belgium ..	9	216			
6. Bolivia† ..	8	91			
7. Brazil ..	38	892			
8. Burma ..	4	122			
9. Canada ..	13	307			
0. Canadian Fed.* ..	8	81			
1. Central America ..	12	205			
2. Chile ..	6	89			
3. Colombia ..	9	126			
4. Cuba ..	19	556 (1978)			
5. Denmark ..	16	362			
6. East & Central Africa ..	26	1,284			
7. England ..	67	2,140			
8. Finland ..	20	497			
9. France ..	32	1,391			
0. Germany ..	12	296			
1. Greece ..	5	272			
2. Iceland ..	12	528			
3. Ireland, Rep. of ..	No Report				
4. India ..	438	9,761			
5. Indonesia ..	22	801			
5. Italy ..	27	731			
7. Malaysia* ..	No Report				
3. Mexico ..	No Report				
1. Netherlands ..	24	936			
1. New Zealand ..	17	1,595			
.. North Ireland†	3	42			
32. Norway ..	7	107			
33. Pakistan† ..	No Report				
34. Philippines ..	20	216			
35. Portugal ..	12	323			
36. Puerto Rico ..	3	102 (1978)			
37. Scotland ..	No Report				
38. Southern Africa ..	9	326			
39. Spain ..	10	350 (1978)			
40. Sri Lanka ..	8	114			
41. Sweden ..	9	277			
42. Switzerland ..	8	214			
43. Uruguay ..	10	149			
44. Venezuela† ..	No Report				
45. Viet Nam ..	No Report				
46. Wales ..	2	69			
47. West Africa* ..	No Report				
48. Yugoslavia ..	7	130			
49. Lodges attached directly to Adyar					
Bangladesh†	1	29			
Cameroon†	1	14			
Hong Kong†	1	14			
Israel† ..	3	90			
Japan† ..	1	26			
Peru† ..	3	45			
Singapore†	1	46			
50. Fellows-at-Large		172			
Total	1,108	33,388			
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Study Centres:					
United States of America ..	71				
Argentina ..	3				
Brazil ..	2				
Burma ..	2				
England ..	18				
India ..	24				
Italy ..	4				
					124
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R. GOPALARATNAM, Secretary.					

* Regional Association

† Presidential Agency.

‡ (1978)

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020, INDIA

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

AND

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST MARCH 1979

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Departmental Results:				
Adyar Library ...	- 93,262.54		- 66,746.26	
Bhojanasala ...	- 886.97		+ 3,017.25	
Consumer Stores ...	+ 980.16		- 687.95	
Garden Department ...	- 38,044.36		- 56,622.86	
Laundry Department ...	- 7,091.18			
Leadbeater Chambers ...	+ 1,700.16		+ 25,118.14	
Maintenance Department ...	- 172,482.01		- 160,876.85	
Theosophical Publishing House ...	+ 78,636.47		+ 87,499.53	
Vasanta Press ...	+ 3,439.35		- 36,510.62	
		227,010.92		205,809.62
Depreciation:				
On Kotagiri Property ...	1,999.50		*	
On Immovable Property ...	77,363.75		*	
On Adyar Library Building ...	15,729.85		*	
On Film Projector, Air con- ditioner and Tape Recorder ...	4,076.00		3,349.20	
On Motor Vehicles ...	15,646.40		12,517.19	
On Movable Property ...	13,116.66		13,304.67	
		127,932.16		29,171.06
Establishment and other Expenses:				
Bad debts ...	6.09		24.82	
Child Welfare Centre ...	6,961.30		5,902.12	
Convention 1978 ...	22,705.45		2,205.60	
Deposit Linked Insurance ...	4,038.70		2,980.50	
Dispensary ...	15,292.57		19,045.79	
Estate Management ...	14,606.97		14,223.24	
Fire Insurance ...	1,898.92		1,638.41	
Headquarters Department ...	18,186.35		21,557.82	
Information and Public Relations Department ...	10,232.31		18,664.97	
Insurance Fund Administration ...	746.05		592.55	
International Offices—General ...	80,147.70		86,380.80	
International Centre of Theosophical Studies ...	2,727.85		10,557.61	
International Theosophical Youth Centre ...			4,345.17	
Kotagiri Property Maintenance ...	8,669.67		4,949.42	
Legal and Audit Expenses ...	6,135.35		7,627.90	
Miscellaneous ...	8,201.08		15,578.89	
Movable Properties Dept. ...	37,763.20		41,281.66	
Museum and Archives ...	22,146.29		11,498.88	
Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ...	18,127.88		17,319.24	
Printing and Stationery ...	17,929.69		24,320.06	
P.F. Administration ...	5,584.95		2,191.85	
Publications to General Secretaries ...	1,816.56		3,388.22	
Retirement Allowances ...	20,939.52		23,846.50	
Sanitary Department ...	23,363.79		22,335.00	
Security Department ...	115,674.37		121,315.38	
Taxes ...	38,674.41		32,392.99	
Travelling & Conveyance ...	1,974.09		2,474.55	
		504,551.11		518,639.94
Gratuity Allocation ...		9,251.00		19,000.00
* Depreciation amounting to Rs. 116,007.28 on immovable property for the current year has been taken direct to the General Fund in the Balance Sheet.		868,745.19		772,620.62

ADYAR,
1st Oct. 1979

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
C. R. N. SWAMY,
Hony. Treasurer.

SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1979

INCOME					PREVIOUS YEAR	CURRENT YEAR
					Rs.	Rs.
Adyar Newsletter	...	...	...	...	710.68	6,261.87
Donations	...	...	...	...	10,382.61	25,554.96
Fees and Dues	...	...	...	...	135,530.60	168,427.99
Interest (Net)	...	...	...	...	317,162.53	339,975.11
Quarters Maintenance	...	...	...	...	80,878.65	86,635.34
Scrap Sales	...	...	...	...	7,001.20	2,706.30
Sale of Motor Car	...	...	...	...	12,229.80	---
Sale of Elephant Tusks	...	...	...	...	---	26,312.50
Overhead Charges	...	...	...	...	16,959.60	19,739.00
Excess of Expenditure over Income	...	...	...	...	287,889.52	97,007.55
					868,745.19	772,620.62

Examined and found correct.
FOR N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f ...		8,522,852.51		8,982,843.13
Adyar Library Funds and Reserves:				
Immovable Property at Juhu ...	32,500.00		31,500.00	
Miscellaneous Funds ...	15,399.87		25,598.16	
Gratuity Reserve ...	13,449.00		14,468.00	
		61,348.87		71,566.16
T.P.H. Funds and Reserves:				
Capital Fund ...	71,360.40		65,627.52	
Reserves and Surplus ...	403,979.42		389,324.02	
Creditors ...	246,174.13		273,131.28	
T.P.H. Investments Fund ...	48,000.00		108,000.00	
		769,513.95		836,082.82
Vasanta Press:				
Machinery Dismantling & Assembling Reserve ...	4,928.42		4,928.42	
Retirement Allowance Reserve ...	2,712.47		1,727.05	
New Machinery Fund ...	434,596.30		434,596.30	
		442,237.19		441,251.77
Gratuity Reserve ...		117,578.51		130,904.50
Reserves:				
Casuarina Development ...		54,407.06		55,262.26
Sundry Creditors:				
For Departments ...	71,929.88		43,096.32	
For Others ...	444,725.97		118,905.32	
		516,655.85		162,001.64
Sundry Deposits ...		80,132.00		81,404.49
Liabilities for Expenses ...		6,063.00		6,000.00
 <i>Note.—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes. (b) Interest only available for general purposes. (c) Interest only available for specific purposes.</i>				
		10,570,788.94		10,767,316.77

ADYAR,
1st Oct. 1979

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
C. R. N. SWAMY,
Hony. Treasurer.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 31st MARCH 1979 (Contd.)

ASSETS		PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f	...		3,204,023.86		3,235,429.46
Investments (At Cost)					
Government of India Loans	...	250,051.76		6,300.00	
State Government Loans	...	19,000.00		19,000.00	
Foreign Investments	...	345,073.25		337,573.25	
Miscellaneous Securities	...	345,224.69		345,724.69	
Fixed Deposits	...	2,848,400.00		3,210,400.00	
			3,807,749.70		3,918,997.94
Interest Accrued on Investments	...		70,351.60		75,371.20
Departmental Assets:					
(As valued and certified by the Management)					
Water Line Meter Installations	...	100.00		100.00	
Electrical Installations	...	52,714.92		47,398.29	
Telephone Installations	...	17,041.14		16,920.85	
Tools, Equipments, etc.	...	110,541.72		104,797.11	
Amounts Recoverable	...	23,936.96		29,062.96	
Standing Crops and Developments	...	18,886.15		26,032.50	
Stock on hand	...	151,149.49		131,029.59	
			374,370.38		355,341.30
Adyar Library Assets	...		496,216.35		548,082.89
T.P.H. Assets:					
Assets	...				
Investments	...	1,107,402.08		1,177,015.97	
Cash and Bank Balances	...	48,300.00		108,300.00	
		103,823.30		68,277.81	
Vasanta Press Assets:	...		1,259,525.38		1,353,593.78
Sundry Assets	...		1,081,289.62		1,074,894.21
Loans and Advances	...		8,716.51		9,355.51
Outstanding Income:	...		153,277.70		71,099.07
Subscriptions	...		2,956.36		2,956.36
Security Deposit	...		2,060.00		1,810.00
Sundry Debtors:					
(Considered good by Management)					
Prepaid Expenses	...		26,935.12		52,906.48
Cash:			4,308.25		4,628.00
In Madras Banks on Current account and S. B. account	...	60,569.41		47,298.40	
In London Bank on Current Account	...	11,656.37		11,426.16	
On hand	...	6,782.33		4,126.01	
			79,008.11		62,850.57
			10,570,788.94		10,767,316.77

Examined and found correct.

FOR N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,

Chartered Accountants.

N. ANANTHANARAYANAN, F.C.A., (Partner)

ADYAR BESANT COMMEMORATIVE FUND INVESTMENTS

<i>No.</i>	<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Amount</i> Rs.
1.	3% Conversion Loan, 1946-1986	6,300.00
2.	4½% Tamilnadu Land Development Bank Debentures, 1970-80	15,000.00
3.	10% Bank of Baroda, Deposit	100,000.00
4.	10% Punjab National Bank, Deposit	150,000.00
5.	10% Indian Bank, Deposits	1,464,000.00
6.	9% Indian Bank, Deposits	300,000.00
7.	10% Grindlays Bank Deposit	100,000.00
8.	10% Bank of India, Deposit	50,000.00
9.	4% Canadian Pacific Railway Co. £ 3000/-	45,000.00
Total ..		2,230,300.00

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1979

	1977-78 Rs.	1978-79 Rs.
The Theosophical Society in U.S.A.	44,763.50	42,234.71
„ England	7,141.76	5,320.05
„ India	4,430.40	12,667.60
„ Australia	17,715.43	20,275.36
„ Sweden	—	7,749.94
„ New Zealand	—	6,860.88
„ Netherlands	10,911.45	9,926.60
„ France	8,251.79	8,750.82
„ Italy	4,289.14	2,940.00
„ Germany	4,182.69	10,177.43
„ Cuba	—	—
„ Hungary	—	—
„ Finland	2,807.23	4,122.00
„ Russia	—	—
„ Czechoslovakia	—	—
„ Southern Africa	—	—
„ Scotland	—	—
„ Switzerland	—	10,290.59
„ Belgium	4,288.60	4,579.00
„ Indonesia	491.23	380.10
„ Burma	—	—
„ Austria	2,109.55	2,601.13
„ Norway	383.33	343.21
„ Egypt	—	—
„ Denmark	—	1,656.37
„ Ireland	22.28	225.00
„ Mexico	1,938.72	—
„ Canada	1,587.30	1,794.00
„ Argentina	1,609.50	—
„ Chile	870.00	896.05
„ Brazil	3,219.00	2,816.61
„ Bulgaria	—	—
„ Iceland	2,324.47	—
„ Spain	—	1,550.00
„ Portugal	441.00	—
„ Wales	521.56	393.12
„ Poland	—	—
„ Uruguay	—	402.26
„ Puerto Rico	395.40	—
„ Rumania	—	—
„ Yugoslavia	869.56	1,887.76
„ Sri Lanka	—	—

C/o

125,564.89

160,840.59

	B/f	125,564.89	160,840.59
The Theosophical Society in Greece	—	—	—
„ Central America	2,455.29	2,543.01	
„ Paraguay	—	—	
„ Peru	—	—	
„ Philippines	—	—	
„ Colombia	510.45	410.00	
„ East & Central Africa	—	—	
„ Pakistan	—	—	
„ Malaysia	—	—	
„ Northern Ireland	—	24.80	
„ Israel	—	—	
„ Japan	—	—	
„ Vietnam	—	—	
„ Venezuela	321.40	313.46	
„ West Africa	750.00	—	
„ Bolivia	237.00	320.00	
„ Canadian Federation	521.66	362.89	
Lodges attached to Adyar	1,976.81	867.10	
FELLOWS-AT-LARGE	3,193.10	2,746.14	
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Total	135,530.60	168,427.99	

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020

REVISED BUDGET FOR 1979-80 AND BUDGET FOR 1980-81

EXPENDITURE	Actuals for 78-79	Revised Budget for 79-80	Budget for 80-81	INCOME	Actuals for 78-79	Revised Budget for 79-80	Budget for 80-81
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
General Departments:				Special Departments:			
Adyar Library ...	93,932	97,000	101,400	Adyar Library ...	27,186	23,500	25,500
Adyar Newsletter ...	7,269	7,750	8,200	Adyar Newsletter ...	13,531	12,000	14,000
Bhojanasala ...	97,301	95,290	95,950	Bhojanasala ...	100,318	98,100	101,500
Consumer Stores ...	133,355	145,600	156,820	Consumer Stores ...	132,667	145,600	156,820
Garden Department ...	117,267	121,700	121,000	Garden Department ...	60,644	83,000	78,525
Leadbeater Chambers ...	147,213	125,000	127,800	Leadbeater Chambers ...	172,331	152,000	150,000
Maintenance Dept. ...	317,390	281,250	287,540	Maintenance Department ...	156,513	137,650	146,450
Theosophical Publishing House ...	233,802	242,040	248,740	Theosophical Publishing House ...	321,302	337,200	291,800
Theosophist ...	146,991	156,800	161,400	The Theosophist ...	141,258	97,000	102,000
Vasanta Press ...	932,699	998,220	1,085,800	Vasanta Press ...	896,188	966,000	1,086,000
				Donations ...	25,555	15,000	15,000
Fees and Dues ...	25	500	500	Fees and Dues ...	168,428	130,000	140,000
Interest (Gross) ...	5,902	6,000	6,000	Interest (Gross) ...	345,151	325,000	310,000
Quarters Maintenance ...	2,206	20,000	20,000	Quarters Maintenance ...	86,635	111,000	126,000
Sale of Elephant Tusks ...	2,980	3,000	3,200	Sale of Elephant Tusks ...	26,313	—	—
Scrap Sales ...	19,046	19,000	19,000	Scrap Sales ...	2,706	5,000	5,000
Overhead Charges ...	14,223	16,000	16,000	Overhead Charges ...	19,739	20,000	20,000
Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	1,638	2,000	2,000	Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	97,008	125,000	162,655
Add; Deficit on 'The Theosophist' taken direct to T.P.H. Balance Sheet ...	19,000	10,000	10,000				
	21,558	19,000	20,000		5,733	59,800	59,400
	18,665	18,000	20,000				
	593	700	800				
	86,381	87,000	87,000				
	5,176	5,000	5,000				
	10,558	7,500	10,000				
	4,949	6,000	6,000				
	7,628	8,000	8,000				
	15,579	18,000	18,000				
	41,282	40,000	40,000				
	11,499	19,000	19,000				
	17,319	18,000	20,000				
	24,320	20,000	26,000				
	2,192	3,000	3,000				
	3,388	3,500	3,500				
	23,846	24,000	24,000				
	22,335	23,000	23,000				
	121,315	105,000	115,000				
	32,393	34,000	34,000				
	2,475	2,000	2,000				
	4,345	5,000	5,000				
	29,171	30,000	30,000				
	2,799,206	2,842,850	2,990,650		2,799,206	2,842,850	2,990,650

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